STEEL BALL RUN
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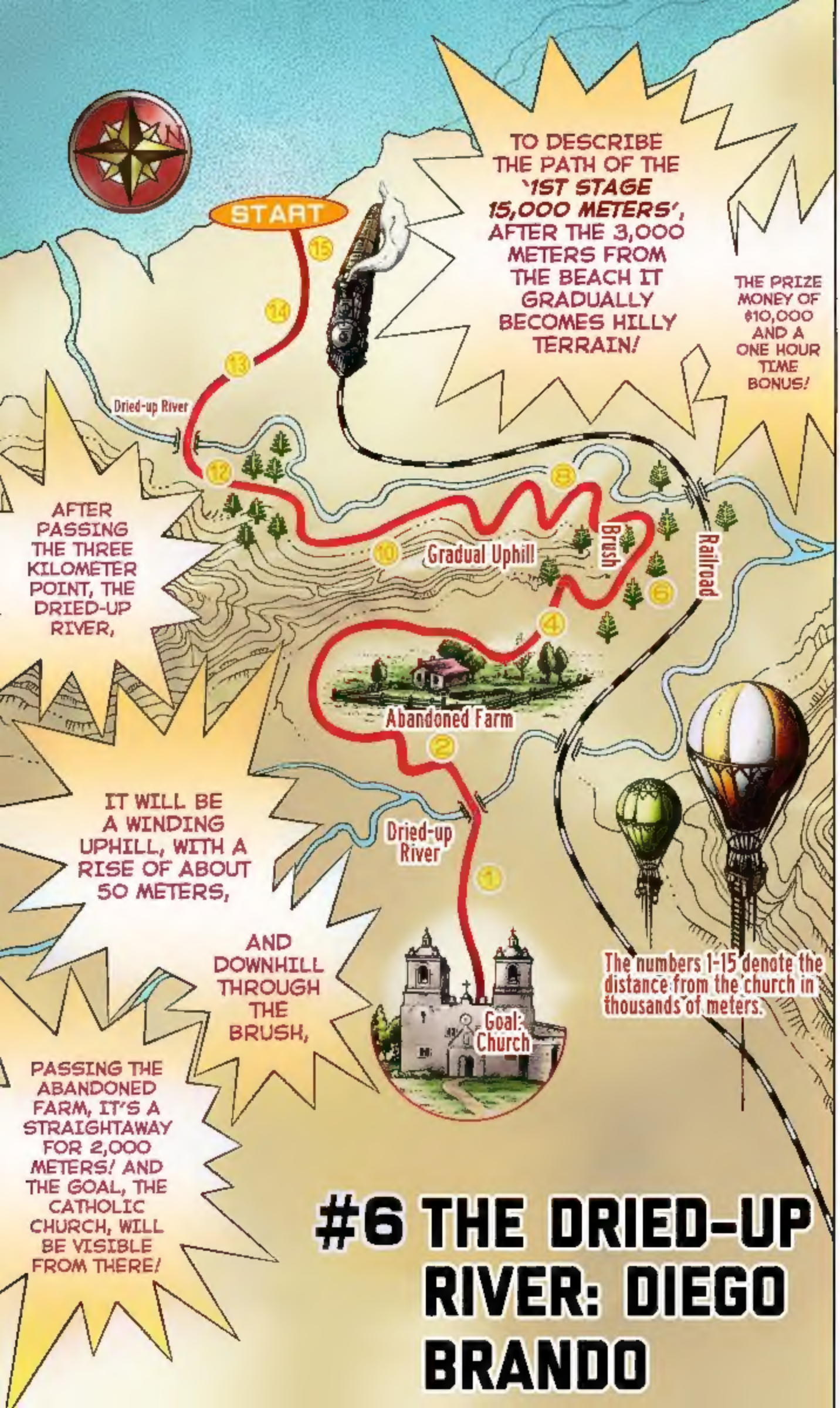
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TO DESCRIBE THE PATH OF THE 'IST STAGE 15,000 METERS', AFTER THE 3,000 METERS FROM THE BEACH IT GRADUALLY BECOMES HILLY TERRAIN!
THE PRIZE MONEY OF $10,000 AND A ONE HOUR TIME BONUS!
Dried-up River
AFTER PASSING THE THREE KILOMETER POINT, THE DRIED-UP RIVER,
Gradual Uphill
Brush
Railroad
Abandoned Farm
IT WILL BE A WINDING UPHILL, WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 50 METERS,
Dried-up River
AND DOWNHILL THROUGH THE BRUSH,
Goal: Church
PASSING THE ABANDONED FARM, IT'S A STRAIGHTAWAY FOR 2,000 METERS! AND THE GOAL, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WILL BE VISIBLE FROM THERE!
The numbers 1-15 denote the distance from the church in thousands of meters.
#6 THE DRIED-UP RIVER: DIEGO BRANDO

AND THE AMAZING CHAIN OF EVENTS!
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NO...
THAT... 'DIEGO BRANDO' ...
GYRO ZEPPELI! HE'S PLANNING A CLEAN GETAWAY!
HE'S TRAVELING SOLO!
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN GYRO AND THE TAILING GROUP HAS GROWN TO MORE THAN 50 LENGTHS!
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HE'S GETTING CLOSER!
AND HE'S GRADUALLY DROPPING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND GYRO.
CHASING FROM THE RIGHT... CLOSING IN FROM THE LEFT...
HE'S MOVING ODDLY...
LOOKING CLOSELY ... FOR A WHILE,
TO FIND OUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNKNOWN CONTESTANT, GYRO ZEPPELI 'BEFOHRE THE DEADLINE OF TOMORROW'S PAPER'.
IN ADDITION, THE RACE SPONSOR HAS GIVEN OUT ORDERS...

...COULD IT BE...?
HE'S AN EXTRA-ORDINARY JOCKEY THAT MADE IT TO THE TOP OF THE BRITISH RACING WORLD IN A MATTER OF YEARS!

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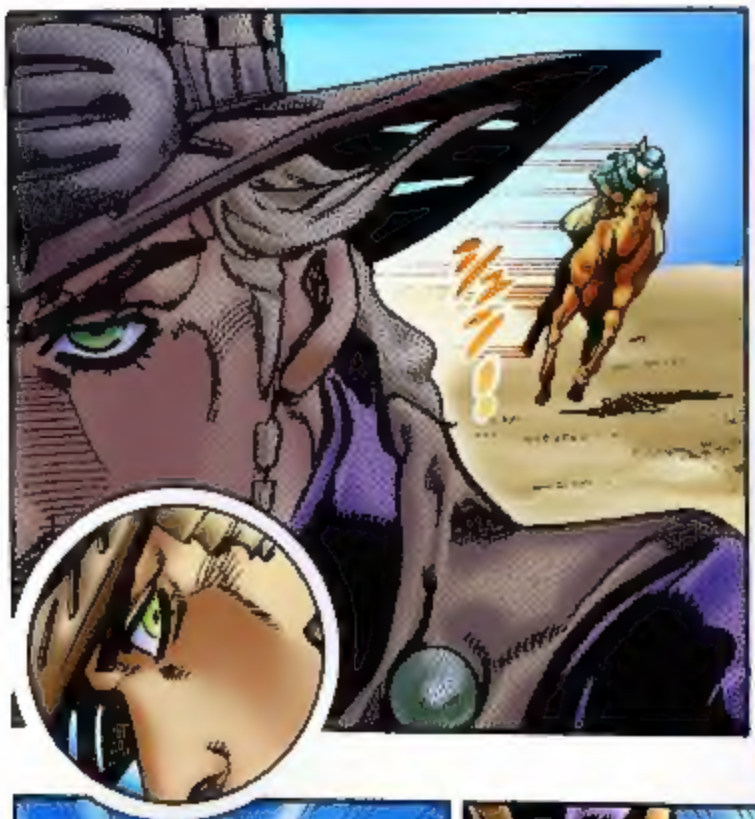

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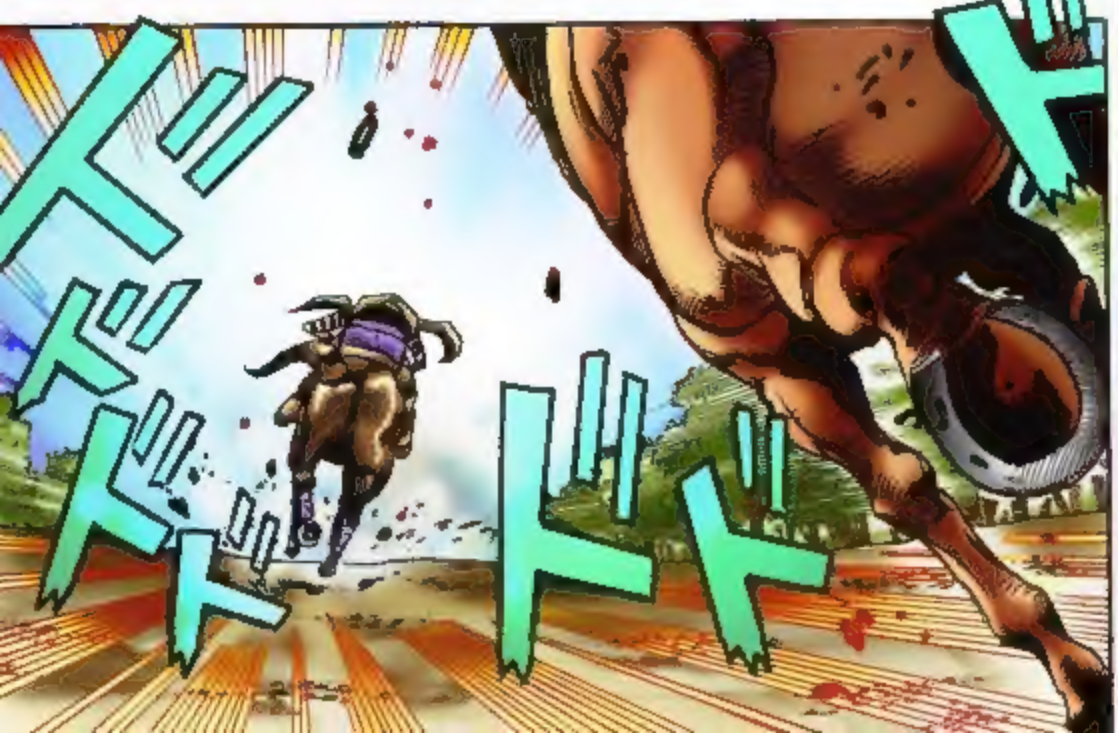
I WAS SURPRISED ABOUT THE CAMEL ATTACK ENDING UP LIKE THAT...
BUT I GUESS HE WAS A SMALL FRY...
RIGHT NOW,
I CAN SEE THAT HE'S JUST AN AMATEUR... I CAN SEE THE OUTCOME.

COULD IT BE? HE DISCOVERED THAT?! THAT BRITISH JOCKEY?!
COULD IT BE?!
HE JUST CLOSED IN ON GYRO AGAIN!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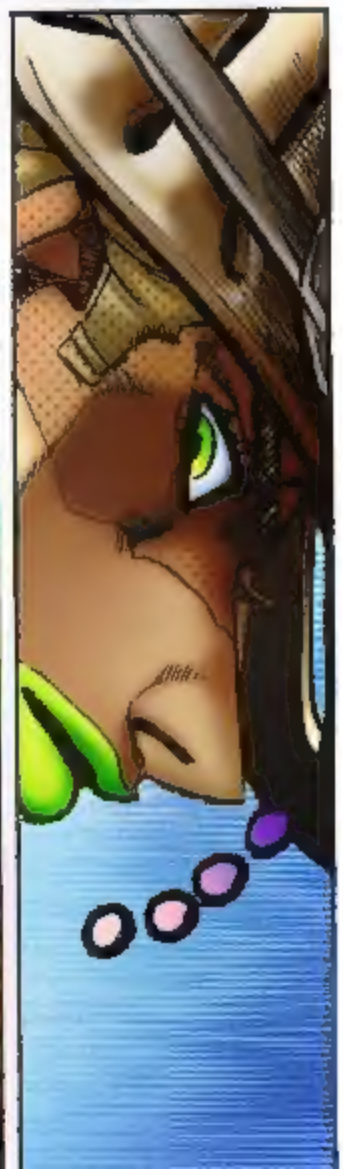

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HE'S GONE ...?!

WHERE IS HE?! DIEGO BRANDO IS GONE ...
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HE'S GONE...
HEY, WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT THE HELL?! DIEGO'S DISAPPEARED!

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HOW COULD THIS BE?!
IT'S LIKE MAGIC!
HE SUDDENLY MATCHED GYRO'S SPEED! IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE DIO WAS ACCELERATING AT ALL!
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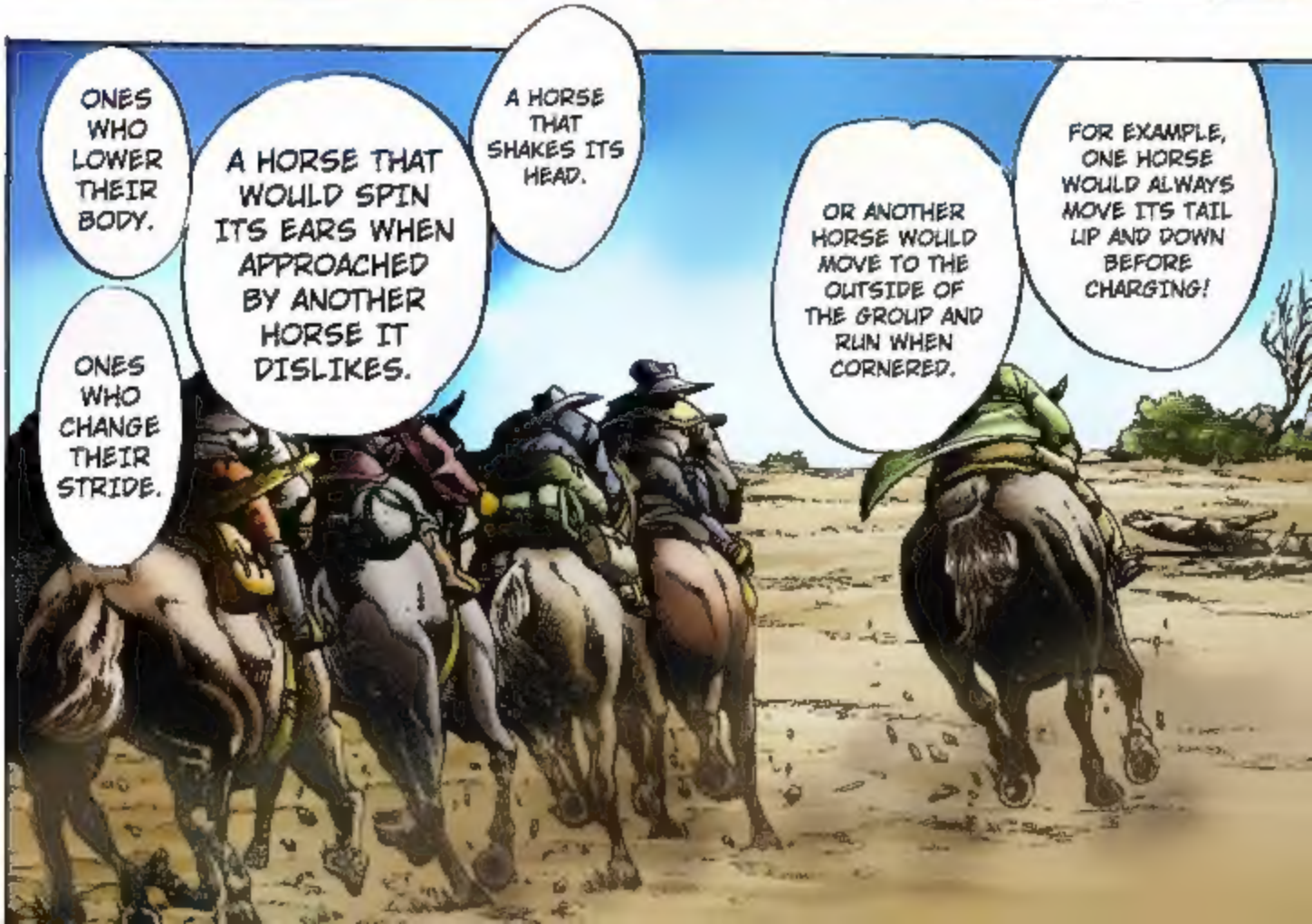
THEY'RE LINED UP!
THEY'RE LINED UP!
THEY'RE LINED UP!
THEY'RE LINED UUUUP!
HE'S TRAILING A NECK FROM BEHIND ON THE LEFT, AND DIO HAS LINED UP!

WHETHER IT BE MACHINES OR OTHER OBJECTS.
HAS ITS OWN HABITS...
HORSES ESPECIALLY, SINCE THEY ARE LIVING BEINGS AND HAVE MORE CHARACTER-ISTICS THAN HUMANS.
EVERY-THING...
HMMPH!
SO IT'S TRUE! HE'S DISCO-VERED IT!
HE WAS READING IT, BUT... HE DID IT SO QUICKLY!


ONES WHO LOWER THEIR BODY.
A HORSE THAT WOULD SPIN ITS EARS WHEN APPROACHED BY ANOTHER HORSE IT DISLIKES.
A HORSE THAT SHAKES ITS HEAD.
ONES WHO CHANGE THEIR STRIDE.
OR ANOTHER HORSE WOULD MOVE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE GROUP AND RUN WHEN CORNERED.
FOR EXAMPLE, ONE HORSE WOULD ALWAYS MOVE ITS TAIL UP AND DOWN BEFORE CHARGING!

NATURALLY, THE HORSE OF THIS MAN ALSO HAS A HABIT!
IF ONE COULD READ ALL THE HABITS OF THE HORSE AND ATTACK THEM DURING A RACE, EVERYONE COULD BE PASSED, REGARDLESS OF YOUR OWN HORSE'S STAMINA!
IT ALWAYS SWAYS ONCE TO THE LEFT WHILE RUNNING!
EVERY TIME THIS HORSE BREATHES EIGHT TIMES,
AND NATURALLY, ITS SPEED DROPS WHEN IT SWAYS!

HE PASSED!
HE PASSED!
HE PAAASSED!
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THERE-FORE,
IF I SPEED UP ONLY WHEN THE HORSE SWAYS, MY HORSE WILL CATCH UP WITH HIS SPEED WIHOUT WASTING ANY STAMINA AND TIRING OUT.
DIEGO BRANDO HAS PASSED BY A NECK!
SEVEN BREATHS
SWAY TO THE LEFT.
SIX BREATHS
FIVE BREATHS
FOUR BREATHS
THREE BREATHS

HUMANS AND HORSES WORK THE SAME WAY!
EVEN IF HE KNEW ABOUT THIS, IF HE TRIED TO FIX THE HABITS, SOME OTHER WEAKNESS WOULD SHOW UP!
AND ONCE HE'S OVERTAKEN ...
...NO!
DOES GYRO KNOW ABOUT THIS?
HE'S DISCOVERED THE HORSE'S HABITS!
THE DISTANCE WOULD BE WIDENED IN THE SAME WAY!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE BACK THE LEAD!
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FIVE BREATHS
FOUR BREATHS
SEVEN BREATHS
SIX BREATHS
DIO IS IN THE LEAD!

UNBELIEVABLE! IT LOOKS LIKE GYRO IS THE ONE ACCELERATING!
BUT DIO IS THE ONE UP FRONT! A GENIUS! HE'S A GENIUS! IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING SHORT OF MAGIC!
IT'S A HORSE LENGTH DIFFERENCE!
THERE'S THE 12,000 METER MARK! IT'S THE DRIED-UP RIVER! DIO, OR DIEGO BRANDO, IS THE FIRST TO CROSS THE BRIDGE!
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HABITS CAN'T BE FIXED... JUST LIKE FATE.
WOULD IT EVEN MATTER IF I TOLD YOU?
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YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HABITS?
YOU MEAN MY HORSE HAS A RUNNING HABIT?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
IT'S THE TECHNIQUE OF THE PROS... AND YOURS IS THE RACING OF A BUMPKIN!
HMPH.
STAY IN THE BACK.
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ALL THIS...
HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?
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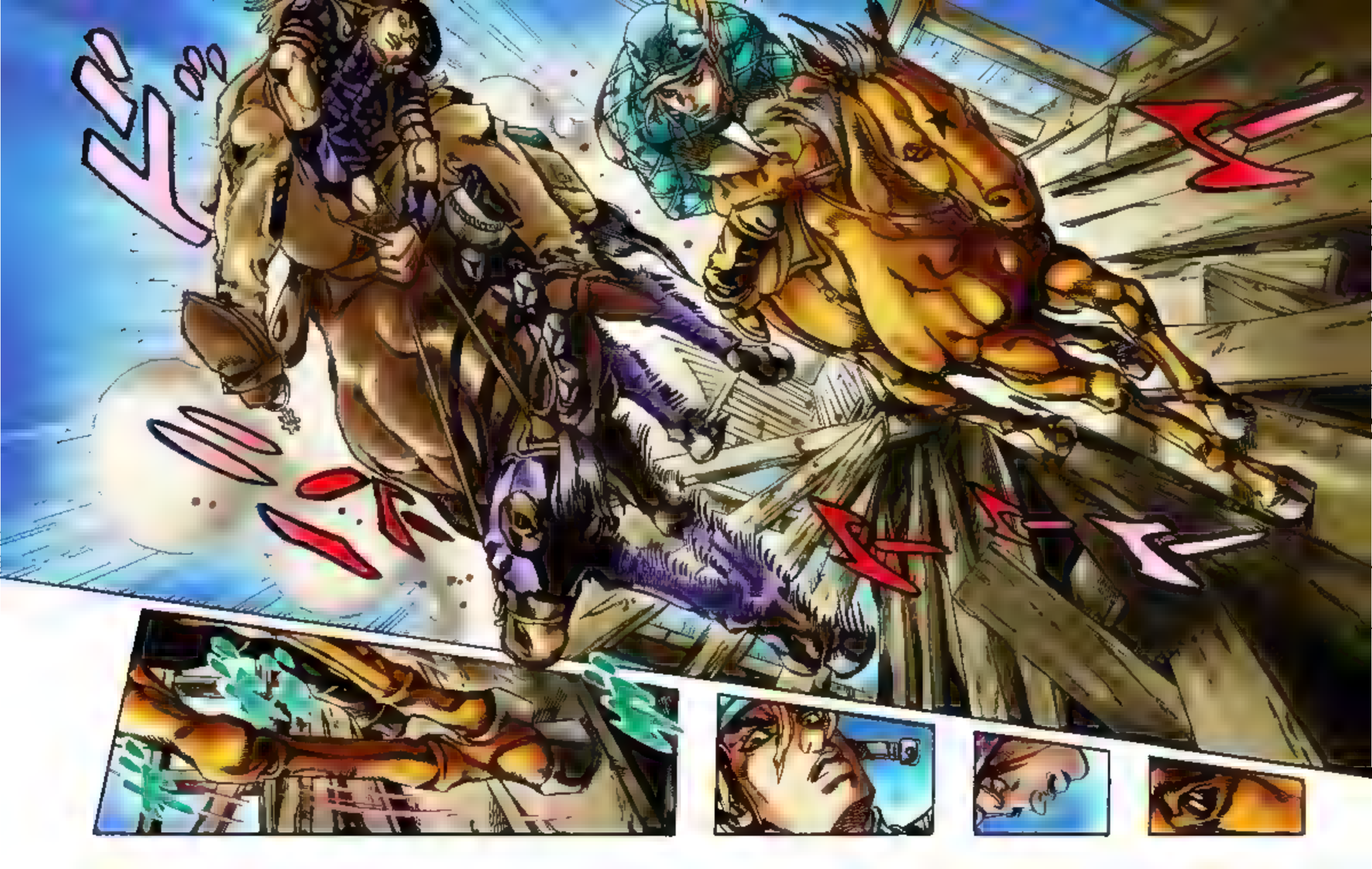
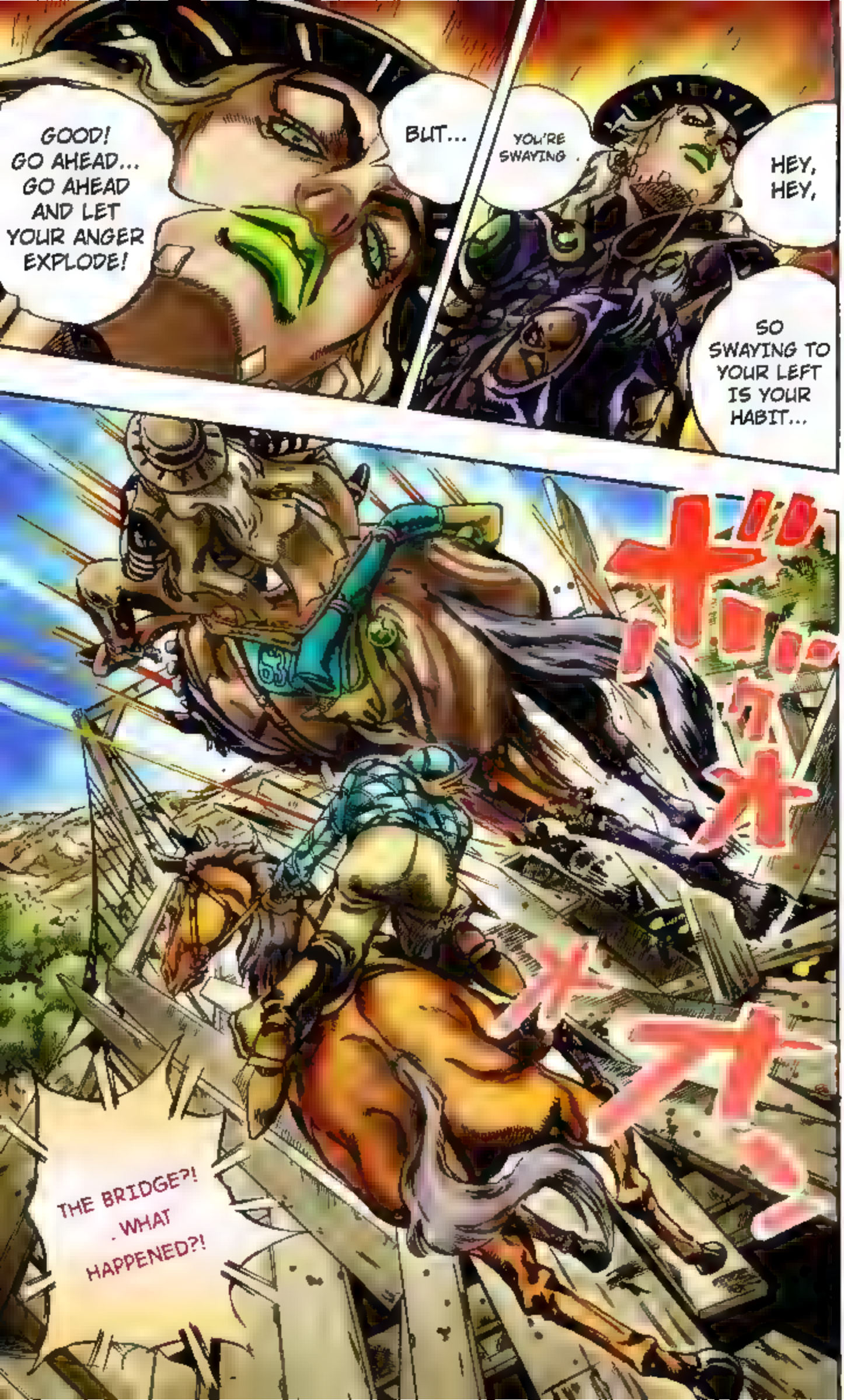
8 BREATHS
HE'S ADVANCING AGAIN!
TWO LENGTHS!
THREE LENGTHS!
HE CAN'T CATCH UP! HE CAN'T CATCH UP! GYRO ZEPPELI JUST CAN'T CATCH UP!
YOU HAVE HABITS...? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
...WHAT KIND OF HABIT DO YOU HAVE?
HE SAYS HABITS, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
HEY.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIX YOUR HABITS!
SO MANY POWERFUL RIVALS...
THE WORLD'S FULL OF THEM.

PUT MORE INTO YOUR HABITS WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING.




GOOD! GO AHEAD... GO AHEAD AND LET YOUR ANGER EXPLODE!
BUT...
YOU'RE SWAYING.
HEY, HEY,
SO SWAYING TO YOUR LEFT IS YOUR HABIT...
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A...
JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME WITH MY LEGS!
THE STRANGE SPIN OF THE STEEL BALL PULLED OUT THE HORSE'S HABITS AT AN EXPLOSIVE RATE!
AGAIN WITH THE STEEL BALL!
DIO MUST GET OFF THAT BRIDGE AND CROSS THE RIVER ONCE MORE!
GRR...
THAT... THAT MAN...
DIO CAN'T CROSS THE BRIDGE!
WHAT HAPPENED?! THE BRIDGE PLANKS ARE SHATTERED! AND GYRO ZEPPELI IS CHARGING THROUGH IT!
DIO CAN'T CROSS! DIO HESITATED!
DIO IS FALLING BEHIND! DIO IS FALLING GREATLY BEHIND!
3,600 MEN ARE CROSSING THE RIVER! THE REAR GROUP IS CROSSING THE DRIED-UP RIVER! DIO CAN'T CROSS THE BRIDGE!
THE FOLLOWING RACERS REACHED THE RIVER!

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PUFF PUFF
I FELL ASLEEP WITHOUT A PROBLEM!
HWAA AAH
LAST NI----GHT,
AND WHEN I STARTED COUNTING HOW MANY WERE BUZZING AROUND
THERE WERE SO MANY BUGS FLYING AROUND THIS CAMP

I'M AT MY BEST NOW!
NOW I'M SET FOR THE STEEL BALL RUN RACE AT 10 O'CLOCK!
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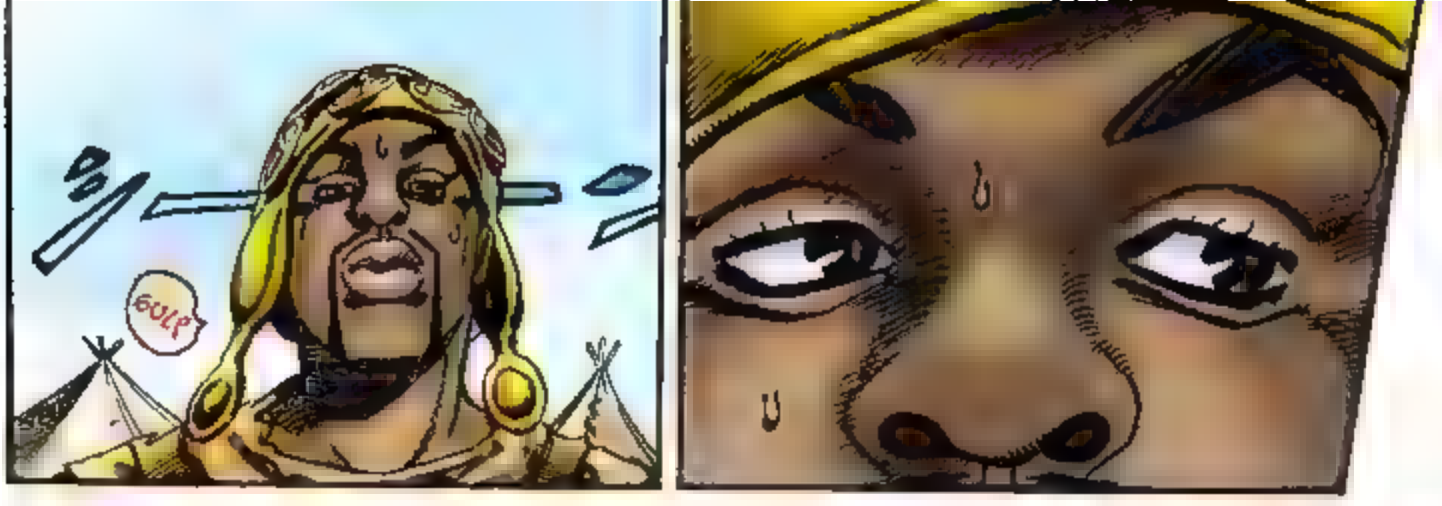

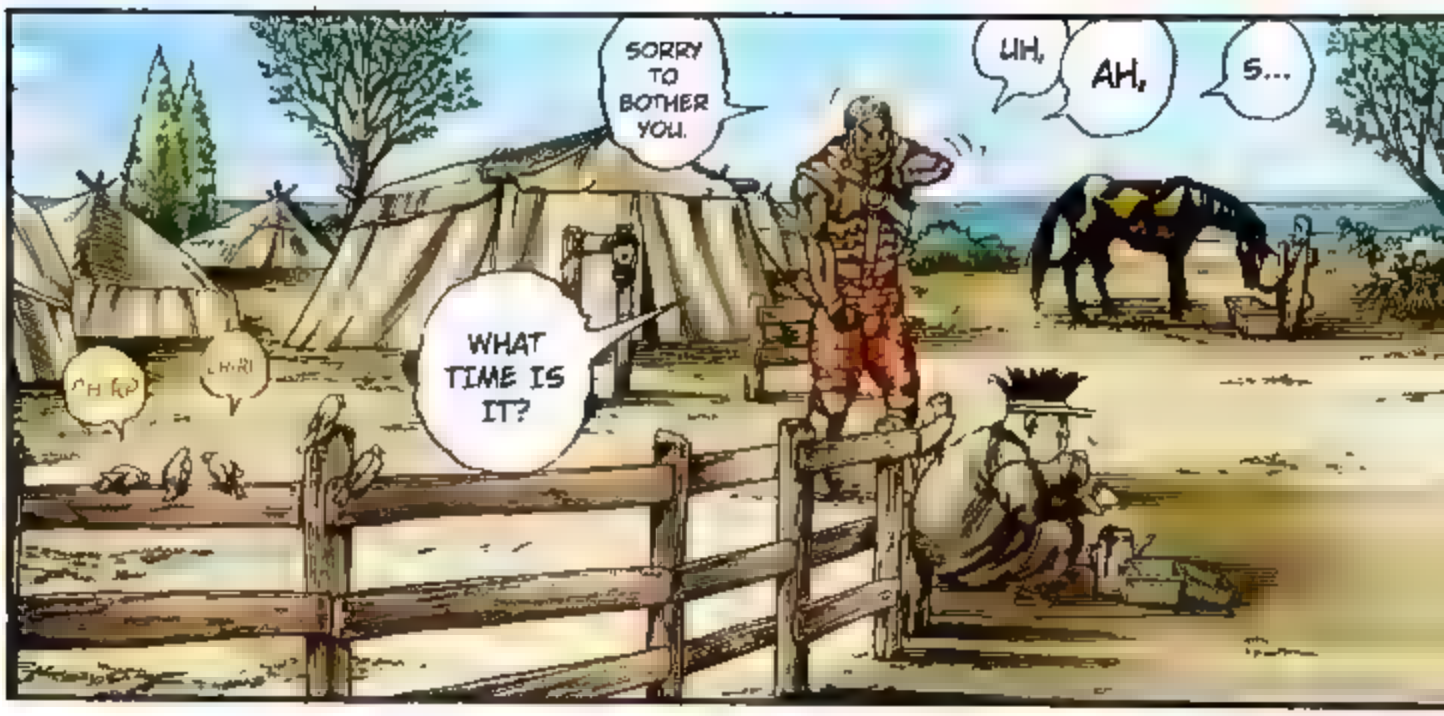

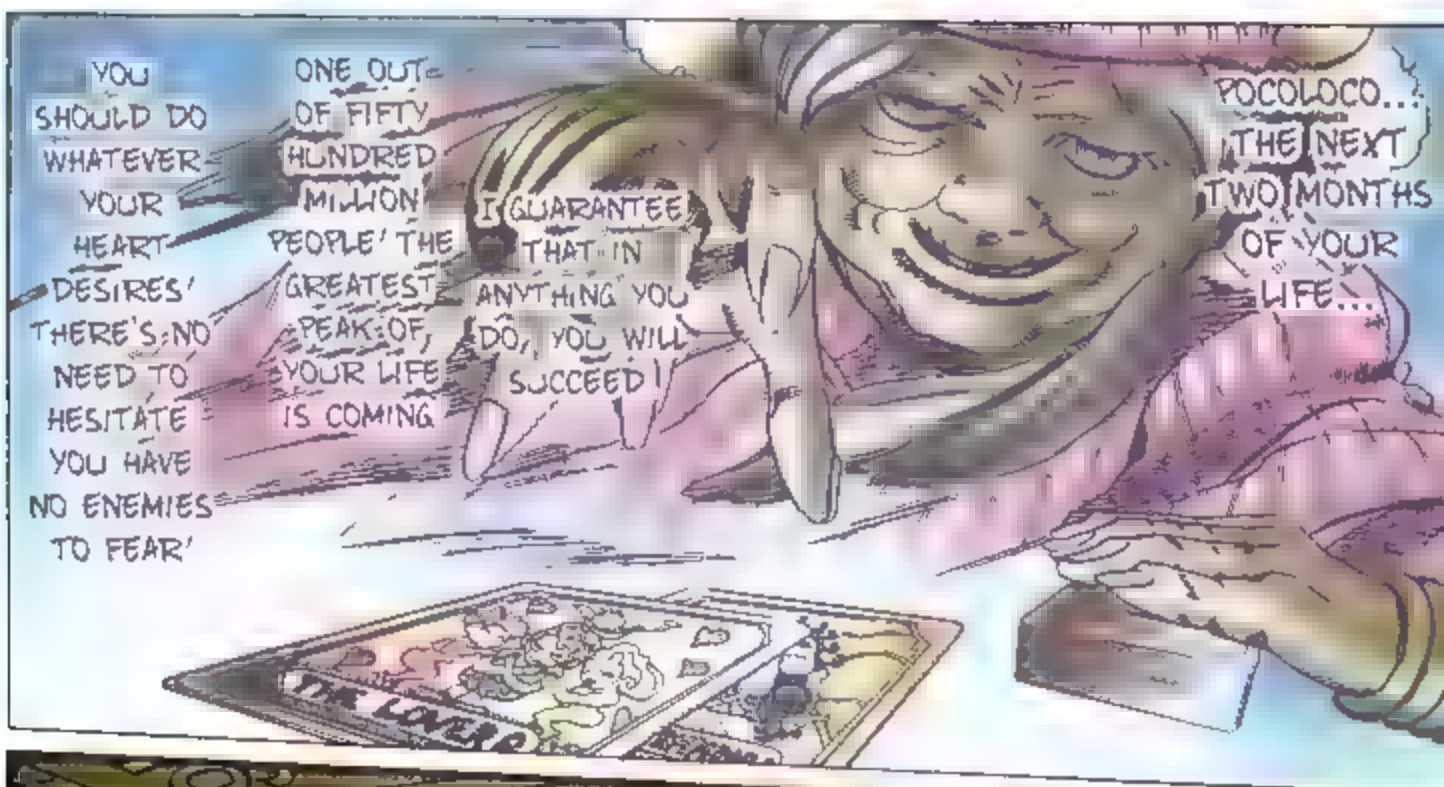

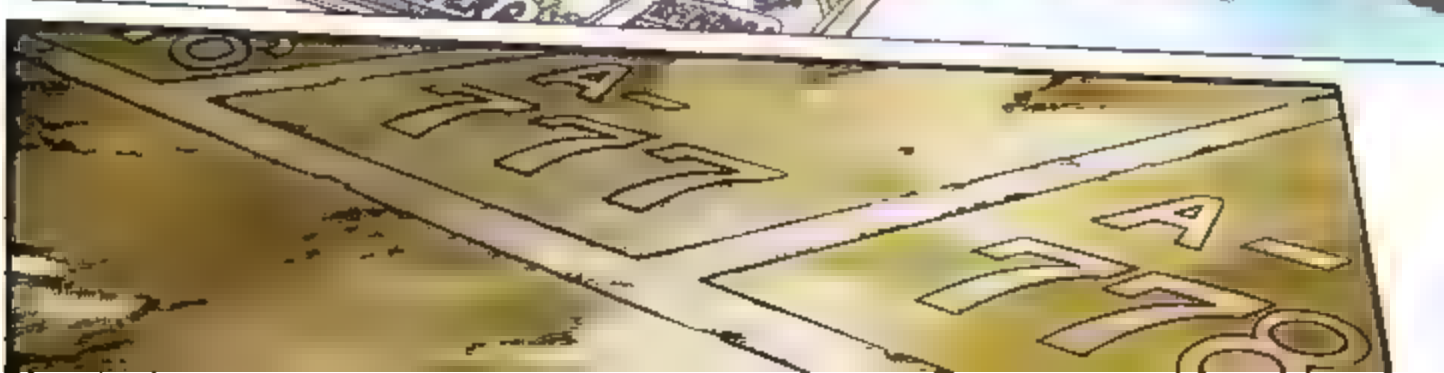
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I'VE NEVER BEEN ON GROUND THAT WAS SO EASY TO RIDE ON LIKE THIS BEFORE! POCOLOCO IS ON A ROLL!
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YO! YO!
AWESOME! THIS IS AWESOME!
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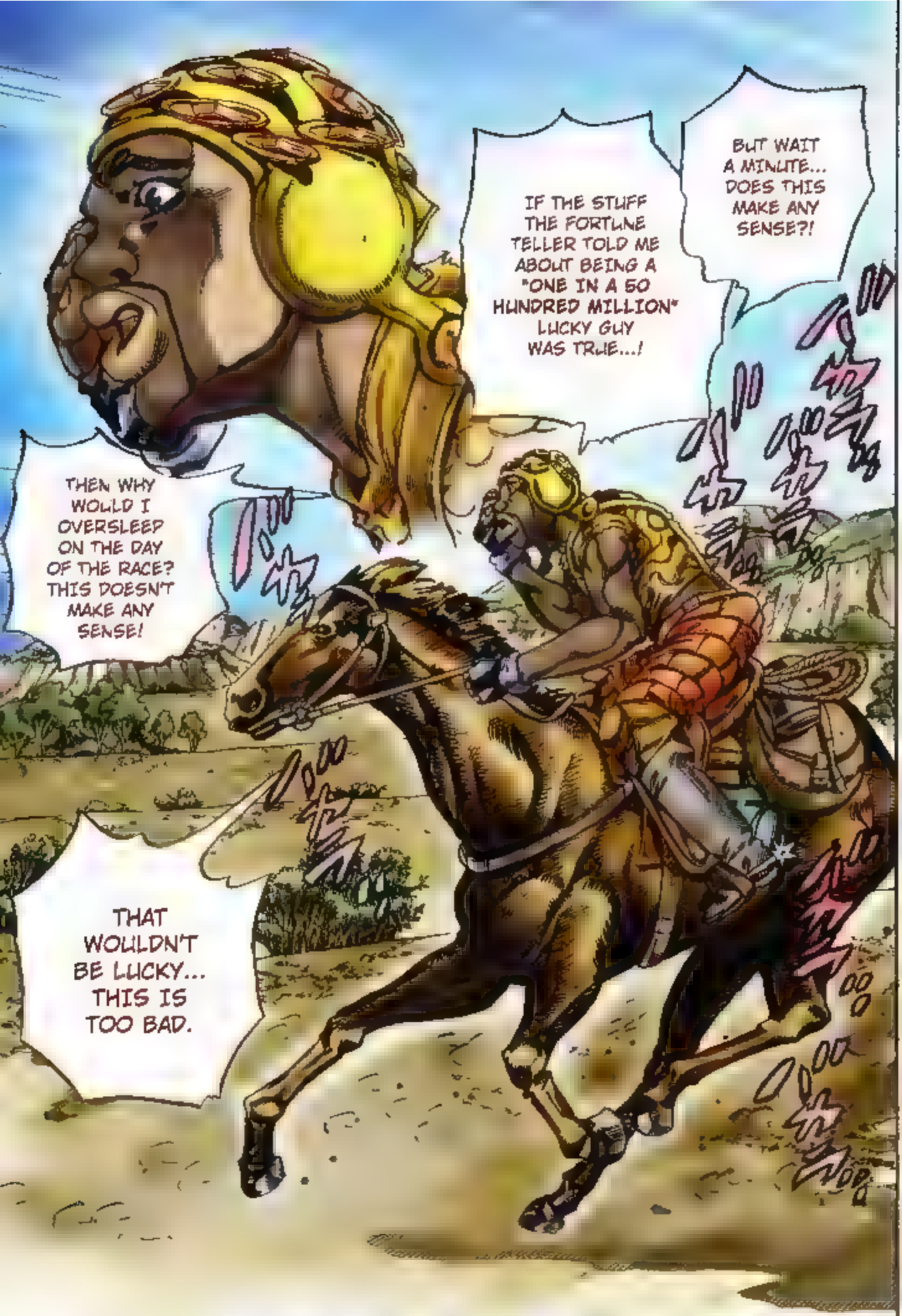
"Pocoloco" (Age 21)
Saddlecloth: A-777
Farmer
Birthplace: Georgia
DUE TO EVEYONE'S HORSES GALLOPING ALL OVER THE PLACE,


BUT WAIT A MINUTE... DOES THIS MAKE ANY SENSE?!
IF THE STUFF THE FORTUNE TELLER TOLD ME ABOUT BEING A "ONE IN A 50 HUNDRED MILLION" LUCKY GUY WAS TRUE...!
THEN WHY WOULD I OVERSLEEP ON THE DAY OF THE RACE? THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
THAT WOULDN'T BE LUCKY... THIS IS TOO BAD.

#7 POCOLOCO AND THE SANDMAN

YO!
YO!
TRAMPLED AND BEATEN UP BY EVERYBODY!! I'M PICKING UP UNBELIEVABLE SPEED!
THIS IS SO AWESOME! THE GROUND'S SO SMOOTH!
BUT
I... I GUESS IT'S TRUE! POCOLOCO IS THE LUCKY GUY AFTER ALL!
THERE'S THE REAR END OF THE GROUP.
THE SPEED'S ALMOST REFRESHING!!
GAAAH!
THERE THEY ARE!
I SEE 'EM!
I JUST DISCOVERED ..
AHEM!
CROSSING THE CONTINENT IS IMPOSSIBLE .
ABOUT THE MILEAGE BEING 400 MILES PER LITRE.
WHY DIDN'T ANYONE TELL ME?
YES. IT'S A PITY. LET'S RETURN TO OUT HOME COUNTRY, BARON.

GRH
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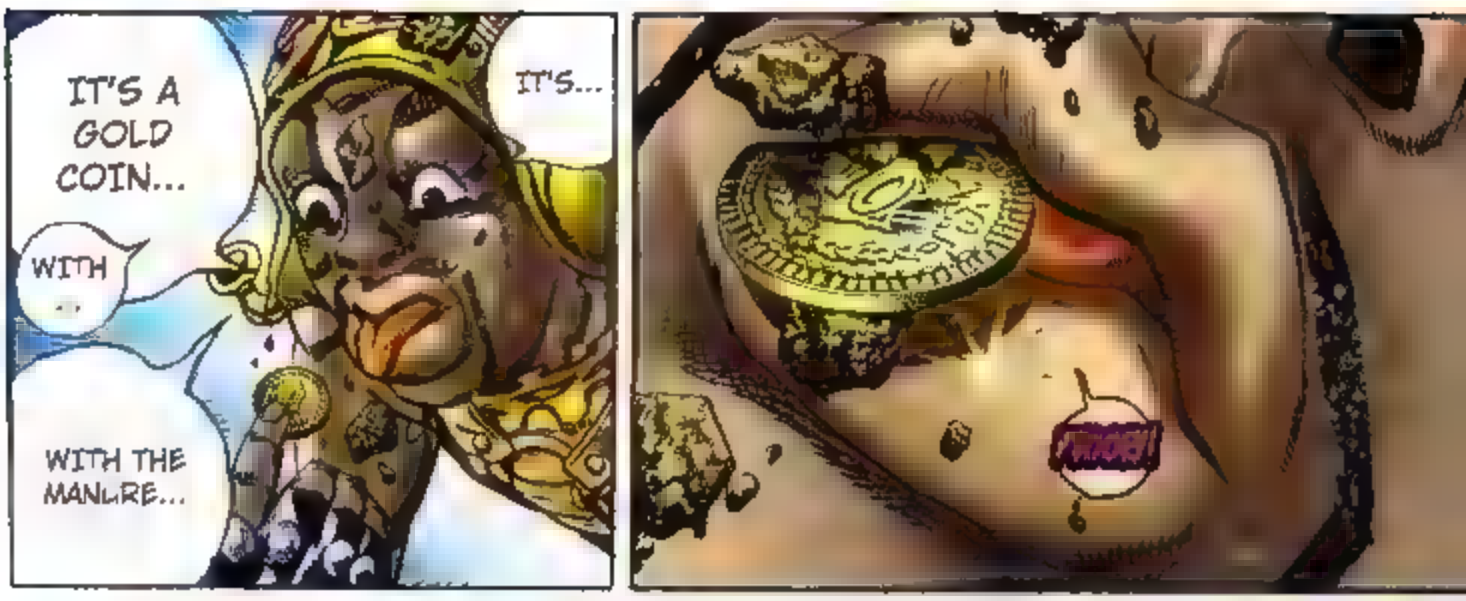
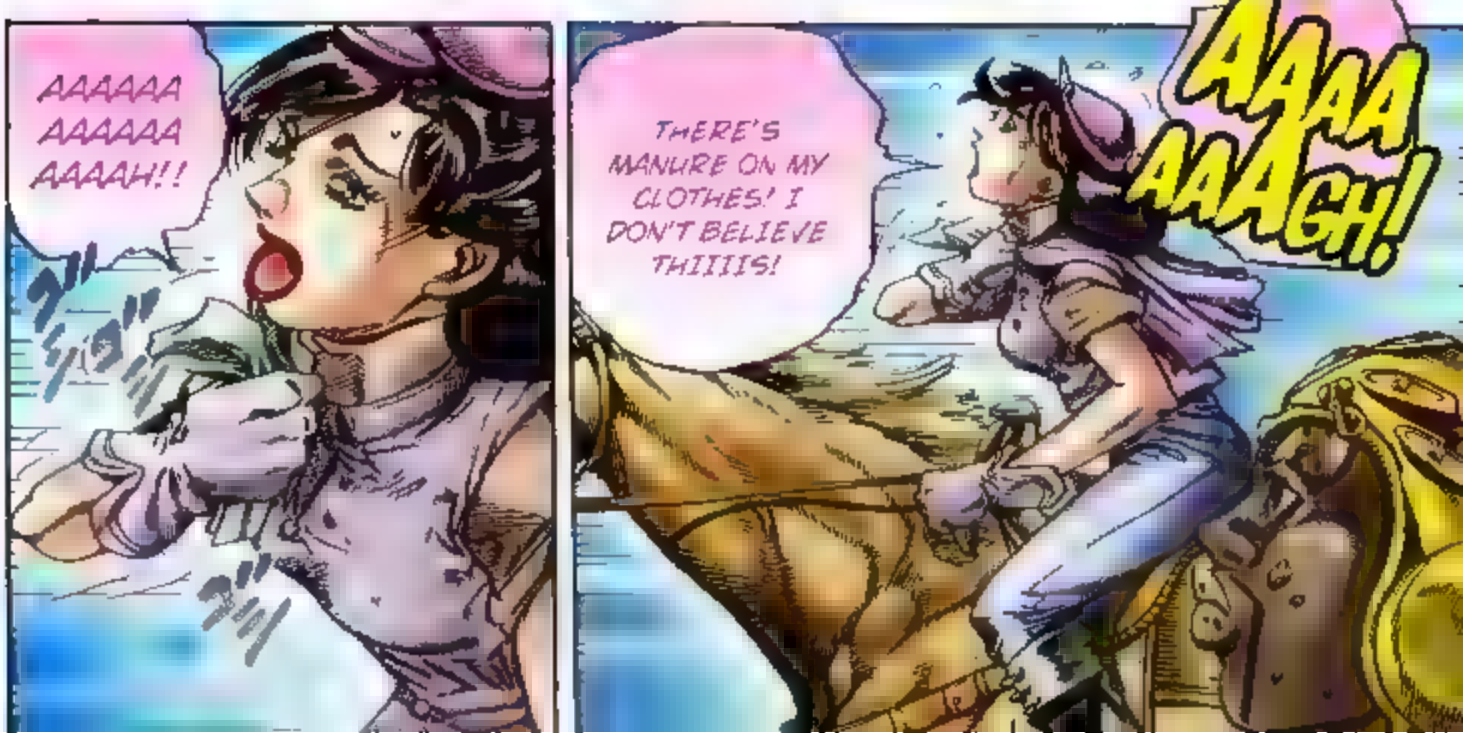
I CAN'T BE I'M NOT IT...
NO SENSE AT ALL!
IT CAN'T BE... THIS REALLY DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
I'M NOT IT! I'M NOT 1 IN 50 HUNDRED MILLION AFTER ALL!
EWWW.
IT'S... IT'S IN MY MOUTH .


IT'S A GOLD COIN...
IT'S...
WITH ...
WITH THE MANURE...
MMM!


AAAAAA AAAAAA AAAAH!!
THERE'S MANURE ON MY CLOTHES! I DON'T BELIEVE THIIIIS!
AAAA AAAGH!

NGH
CRAP!
IT GOT ON MY FACE.
IT REEKS!
WOAH OH HOOO!
/ YO
THANK YOU, GOD!
/ YO
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA! THIS MEANS...!
I REALLY WAS! IT'S TRUE, AFTER ALL!
WANTED $500
-HABITUAL BURGLAR-
Possibly disguised by shaving beard.
UWA AAA AAH!

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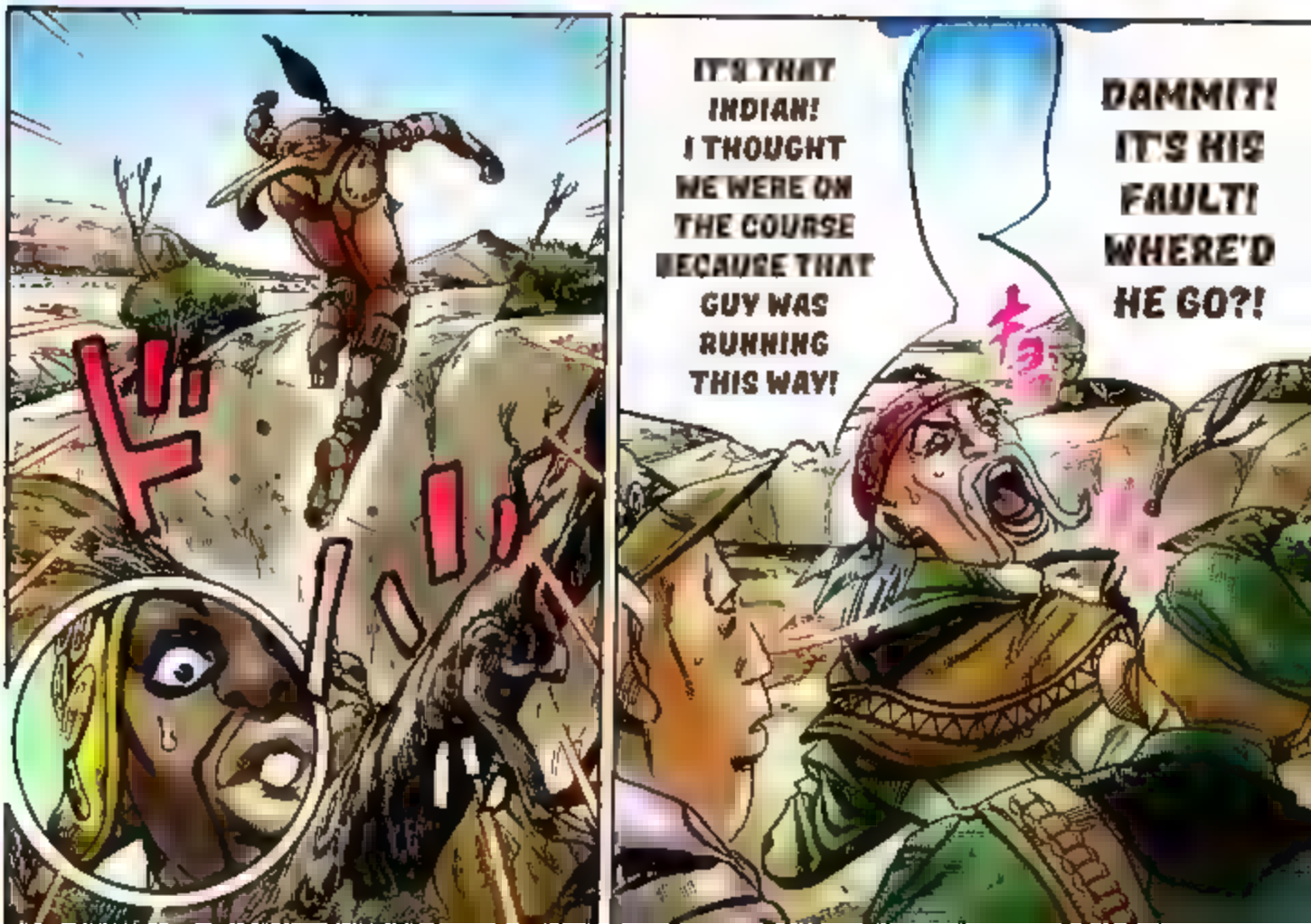
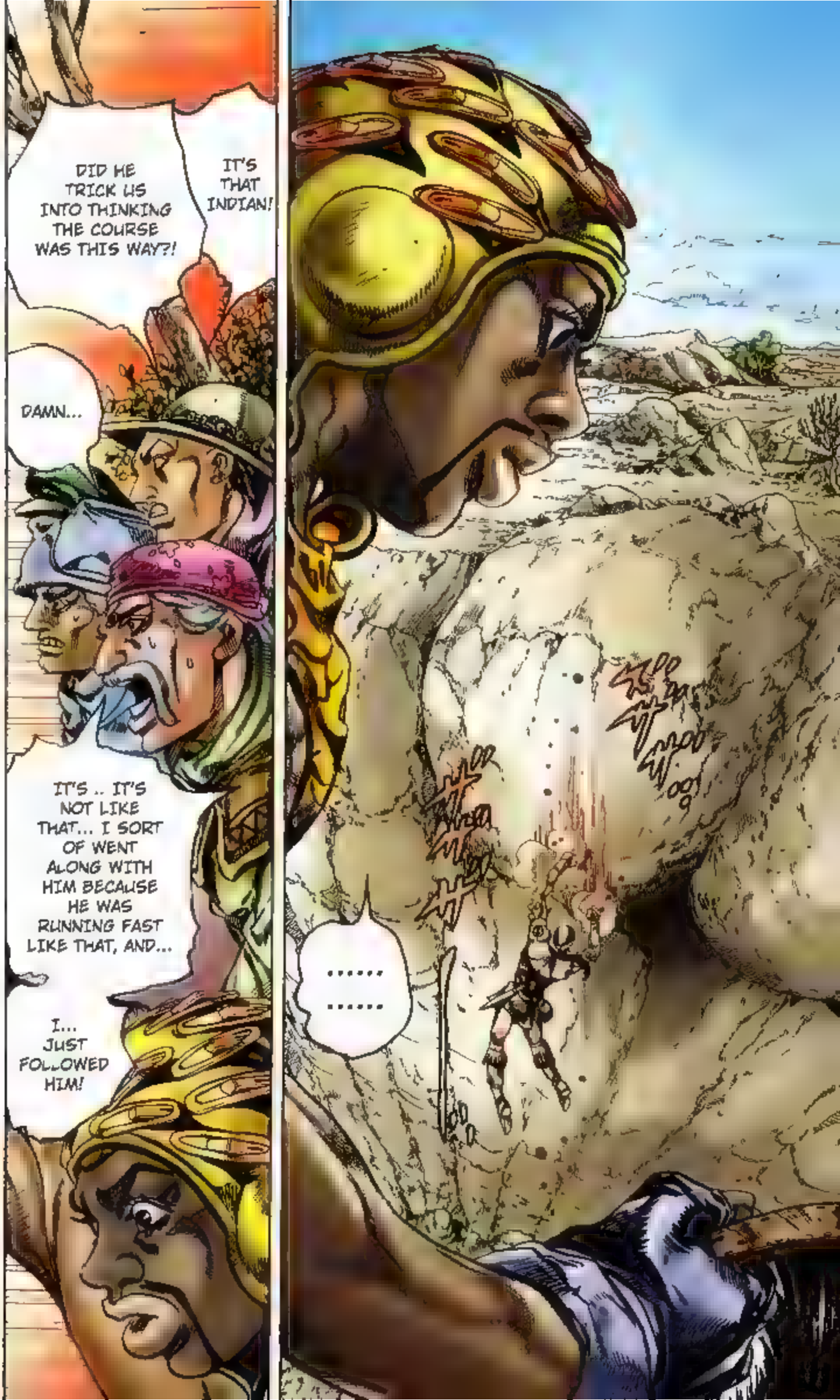
IT'S A CLIFF!
WE'RE NOT ON THE RACING COURSE!
H...HEY! DAMMIT! WE STRAYED FROM THE COURSE!
IT...IT WASN'T TRUE AFTER ALL....


IT'S THAT INDIAN! I THOUGHT WE WERE ON THE COURSE BECAUSE THAT GUY WAS RUNNING THIS WAY!
DAMMIT! IT'S HIS FAULT! WHERE'D HE GO?!


DID HE TRICK US INTO THINKING THE COURSE WAS THIS WAY?!
IT'S THAT INDIAN!
DAMN...
IT'S .. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... I SORT OF WENT ALONG WITH HIM BECAUSE HE WAS RUNNING FAST LIKE THAT, AND...
I... JUST FOLLOWED HIM!
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I'M GOING BACK! DAMN HIM! IT'S ALL HIS FAULT!
IF YOU WANT TO INJURE YOUR HORSES, THAT IS!
IF WE GO THIS ROUTE, IT'LL BE A SHORTCUT TO THE CLIMB IN HALF THE DISTANCE!
BUT LOOK AT THE MAP!

AND LIVE A HAPPIER LIFE!
I'M ONE IN FIFTY HUNDRED MILLION... I'LL BELIEVE IN THAT... I CAME TO SAN DIEGO BELIEVING THAT... IF I WAS WRONG, IT'S ALL OVER RIGHT HERE...
I'M GONNA WIN IT. I'LL WIN IT... AND THEN I'LL GO BACK HOME...
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IF YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT.
USE THE ROPE YOU GOT...
AAA AAA AAA AAA AAH

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BFFT!
WOOOO
OOOOAH
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HE THINKS HE'S GONNA WIN THIS RACE, EH?!
AND THIS GUY!
BUT ME BEING ABLE TO JUMP OVER THAT CLIFF... IT PROVES MY LUCKINESS!
IT'S TRUE I GOT HELP FROM THAT INDIAN.
DID HE COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE BEACH AT THAT PACE? HOW CAN HE RUN LIKE THAT?
THAT GUY...
KA-CHUNK
KA-CHUNK KA-CHUNK KA-CHUNK
!

I FINALLY MET UP WITH IT.
YO! YO!
THERE'S THE RACE GROUP!
HAAAAA YEEEEEE!!
I DON'T THINK SOOO~~~
MAYBE YOU'RE THE LEADER?
YOUR RUNNING LOOKS LAZY... HHYAHEE! HEEEEE!
HEYYYY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE LEADER IS?
YO!
YOOOO

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THE LEADER IS STILL GYRO ZEPPELI!!
AND NOOOWWW! THEY HAVE JUST PASSED THE 6,000 METER SIGN!
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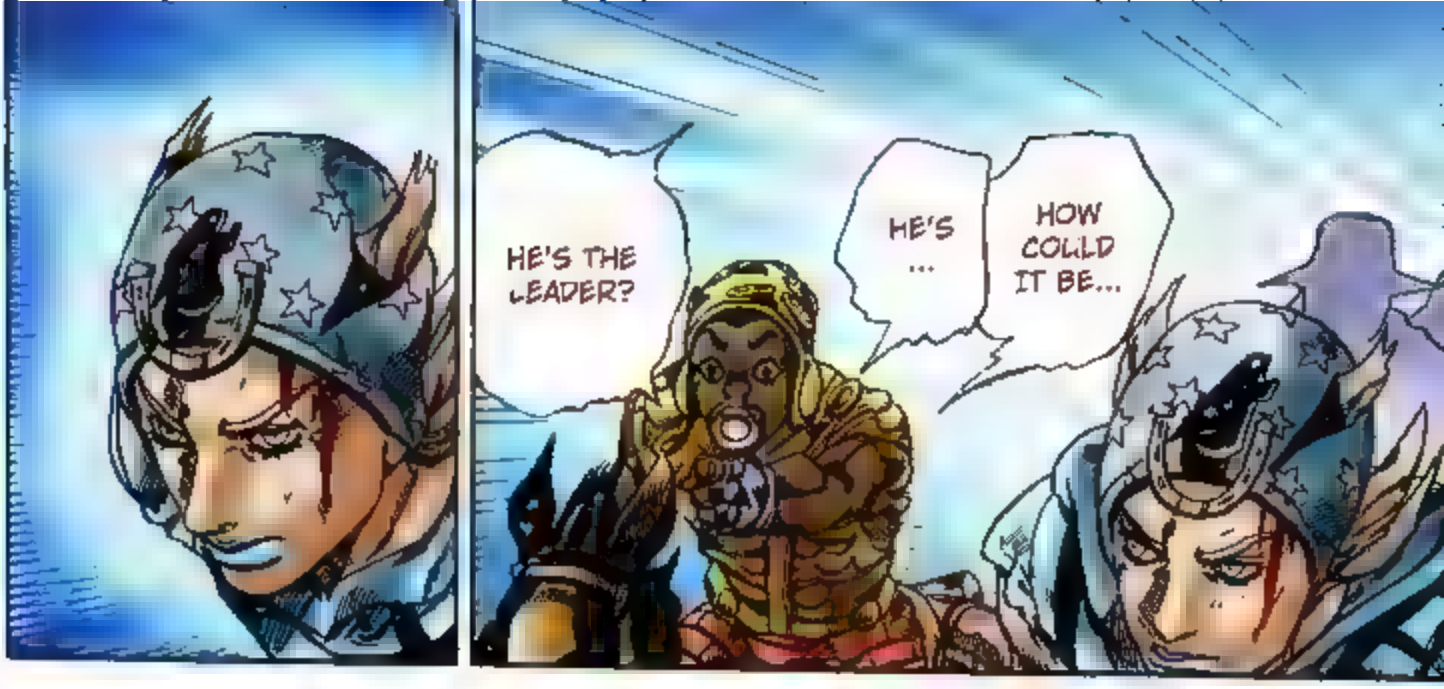
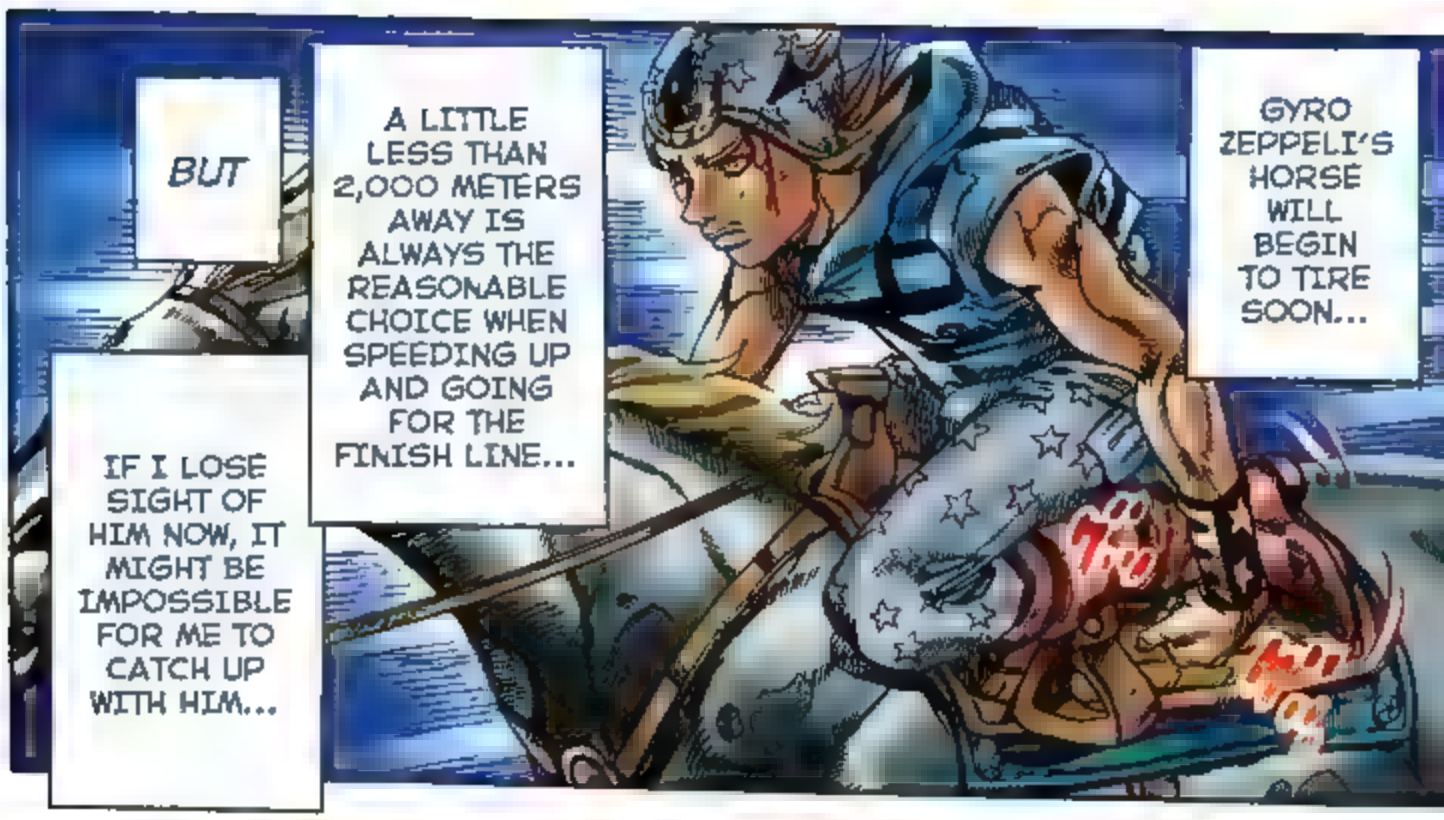
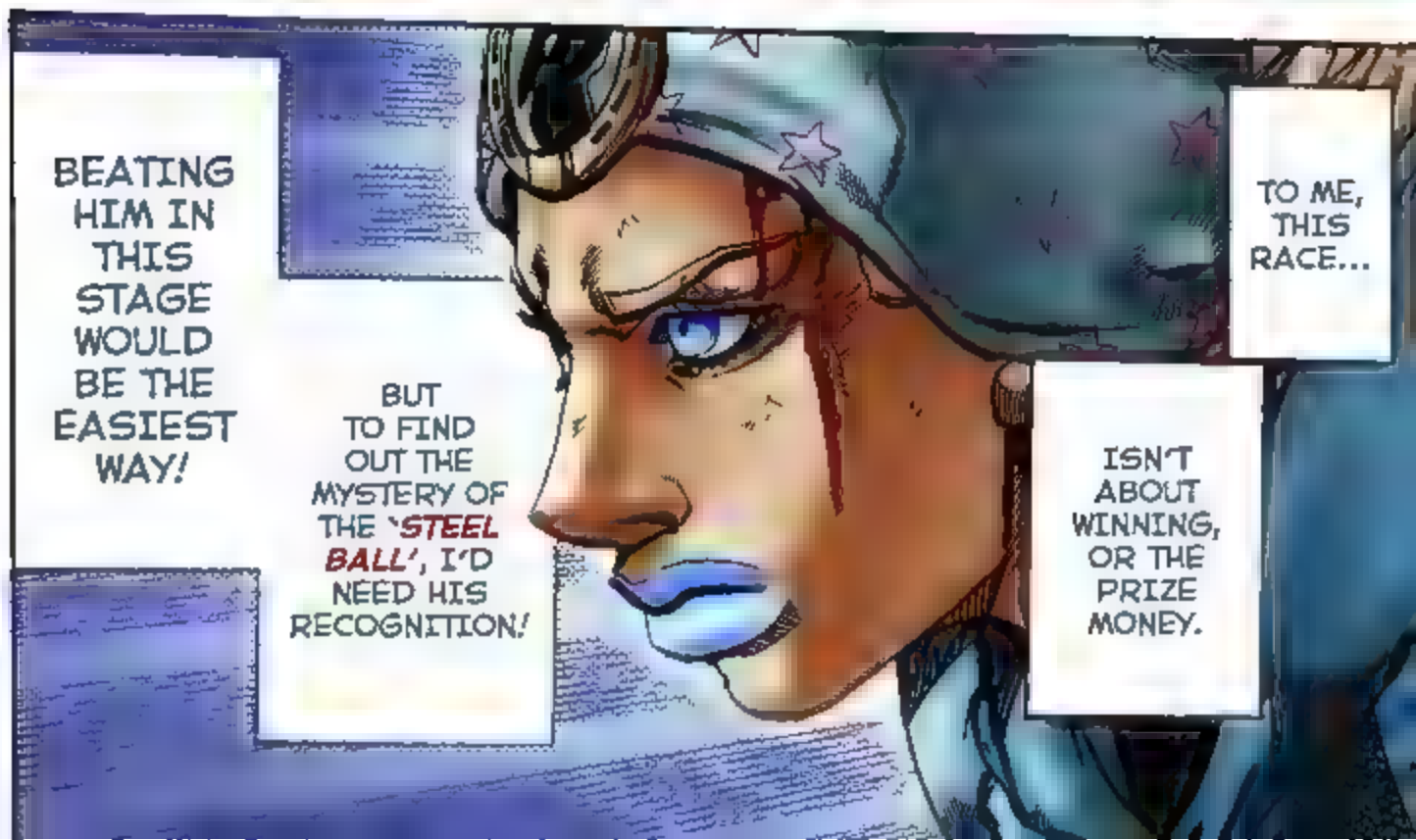
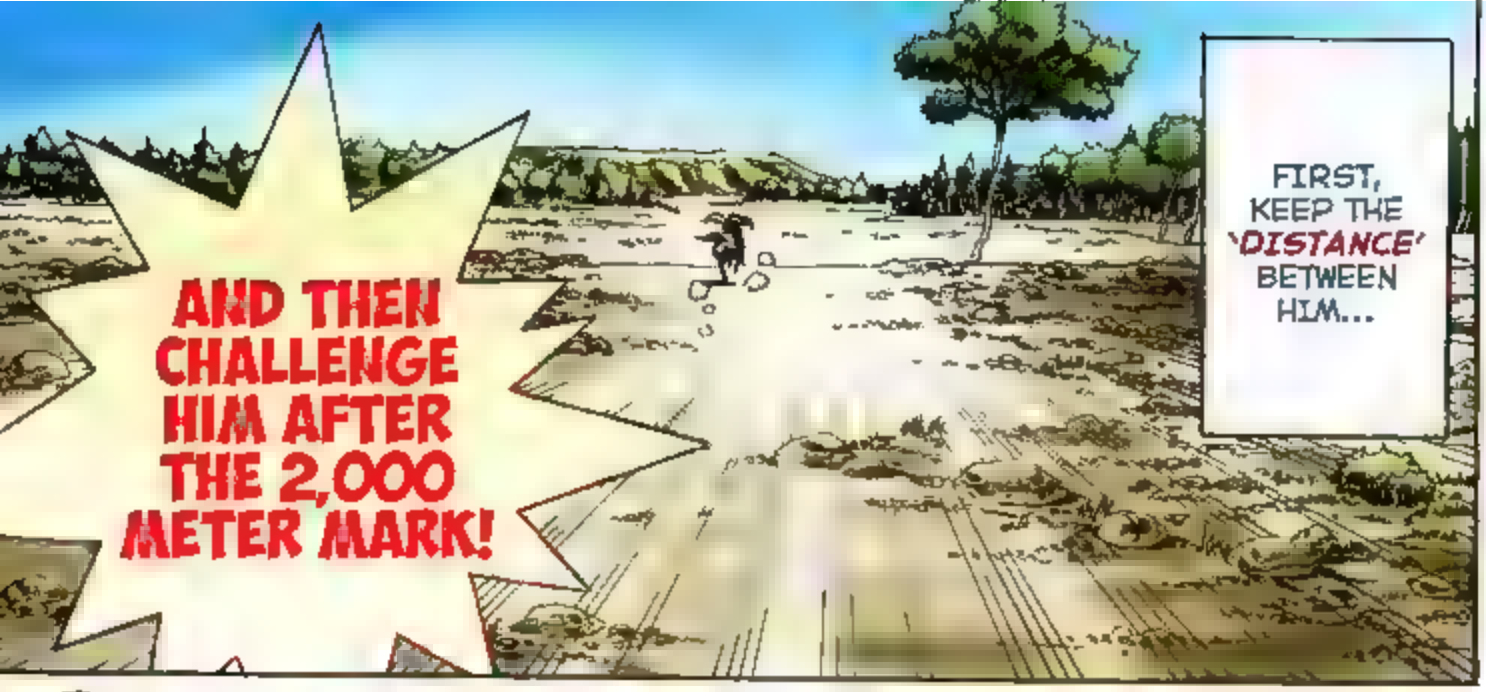
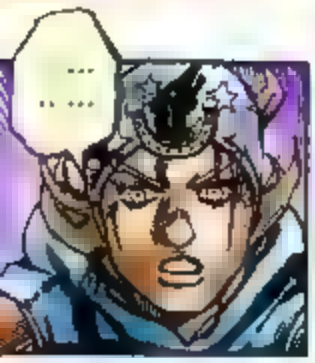
IT'S ROUGHLY 60 TO 70 LENGTHS BETWEEN HIM AND THE FOLLOWING GROUP! WILL HE MAKE A CLEAN ESCAPE?! WILL THE STAGE END WITH HIS GETAWAY?!
IT'S FINALLY THE LAST THIRD OF THE 15,000 METERS OF THE FIRST STAGE! AFTER THE CLIMB, IT'S DOWNHILL FROM THERE!


HE'S THE LEADER?
HE'S ...
HOW COULD IT BE...


BUT
A LITTLE LESS THAN 2,000 METERS AWAY IS ALWAYS THE REASONABLE CHOICE WHEN SPEEDING UP AND GOING FOR THE FINISH LINE...
GYRO ZEPPELI'S HORSE WILL BEGIN TO TIRE SOON...
IF I LOSE SIGHT OF HIM NOW, IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO CATCH UP WITH HIM...


BEATING HIM IN THIS STAGE WOULD BE THE EASIEST WAY!
BUT TO FIND OUT THE MYSTERY OF THE 'STEEL BALL', I'D NEED HIS RECOGNITION!
TO ME, THIS RACE...
ISN'T ABOUT WINNING, OR THE PRIZE MONEY.


AND THEN CHALLENGE HIM AFTER THE 2,000 METER MARK!
FIRST, KEEP THE 'DISTANCE' BETWEEN HIM...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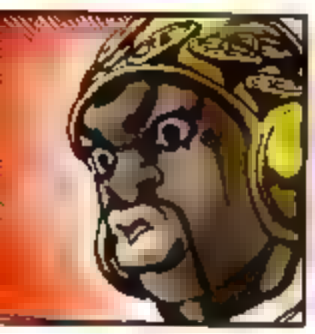

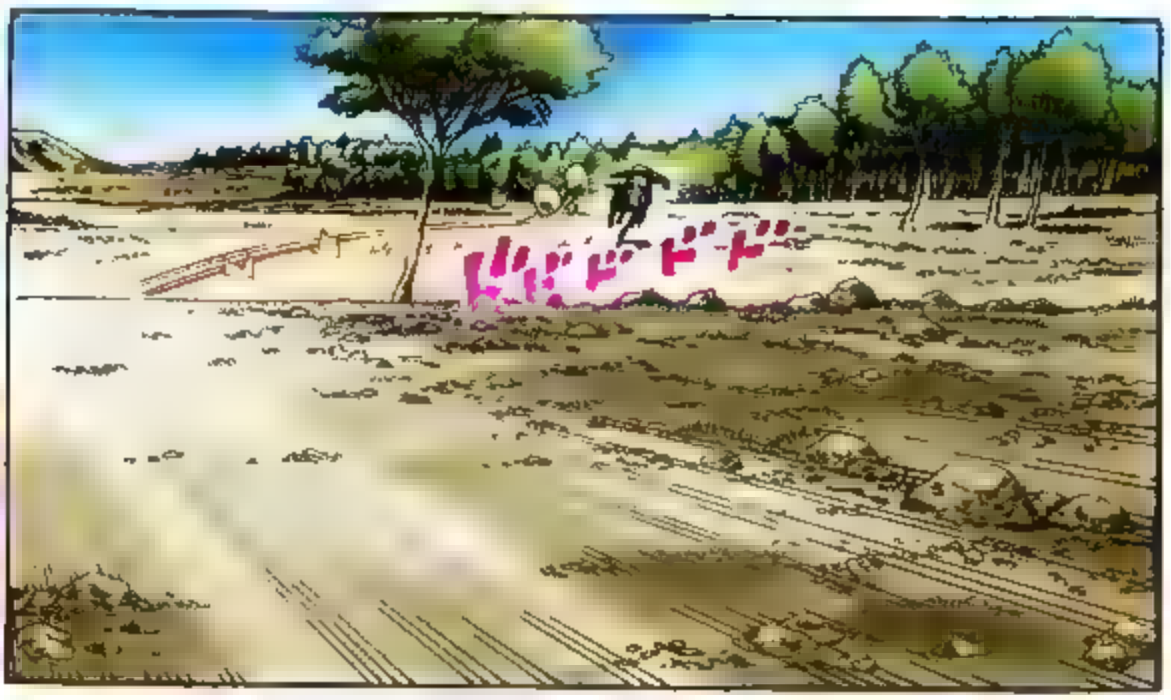
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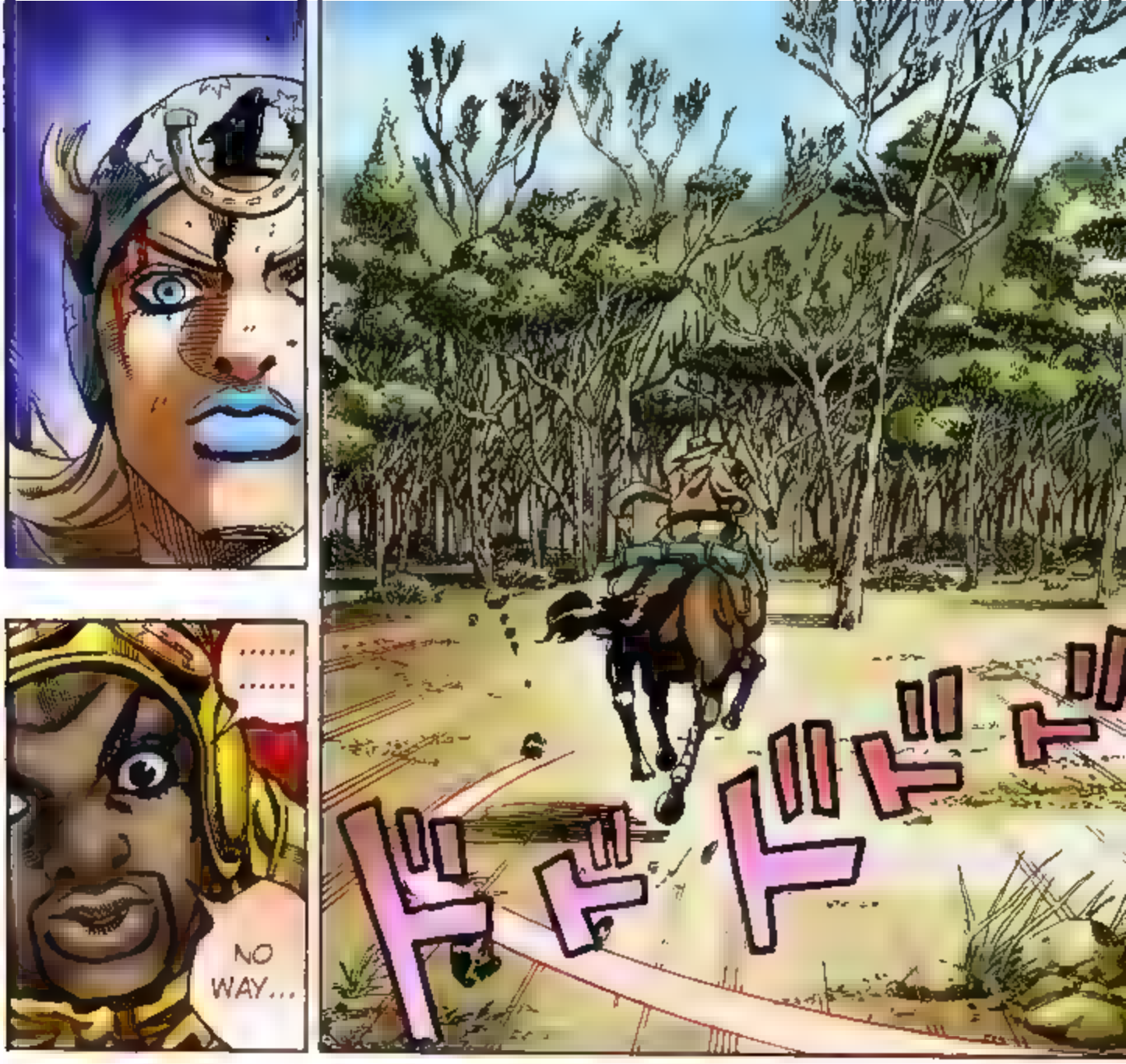
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NO WAY...
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GYRO ZEPPELI HAS GONE OFF-COURSE TO THE RIGHT! HE'S GOING FOR A 'SHORTCUT'!!
IF HE GOES THROUGH THE BRUSH, HE CAN SHAVE 800 TO 1,000 METERS OFF OF HIS RUNNING DISTANCE!
GYRO IS .!
GOING TO CROSS THE 'FOREST'!
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WHICH COURSE WILL THE FOLLOWERS TAKE?! THE BRUSH?! THE REGULAR COURSE?!
WHAT WILL THE FOLLOWERS DO?!
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WHAT THE... IS GYRO ZEPPELI INSANE?!
THERE'S A VERY HIGH CHANCE OF THE RIDER GETTING INJURED, AS WELL AS THE HORSE!
AND DROPPING SPEED ISN'T THE WORST THING.
TWO HORSES ARE GOING FOR IT!
TWO FROM THE FOLLOWING GROUP ARE CHASING GRYO!

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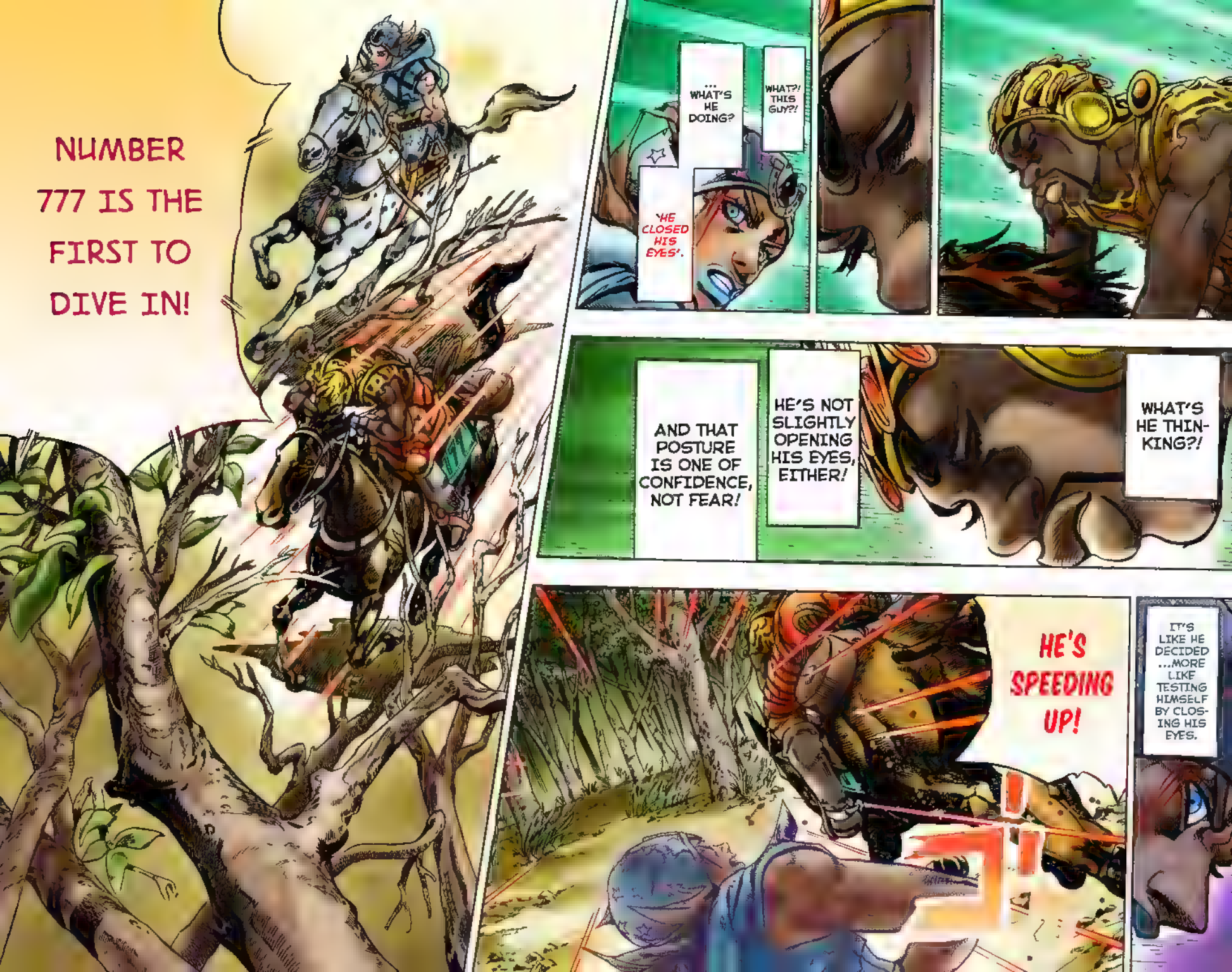
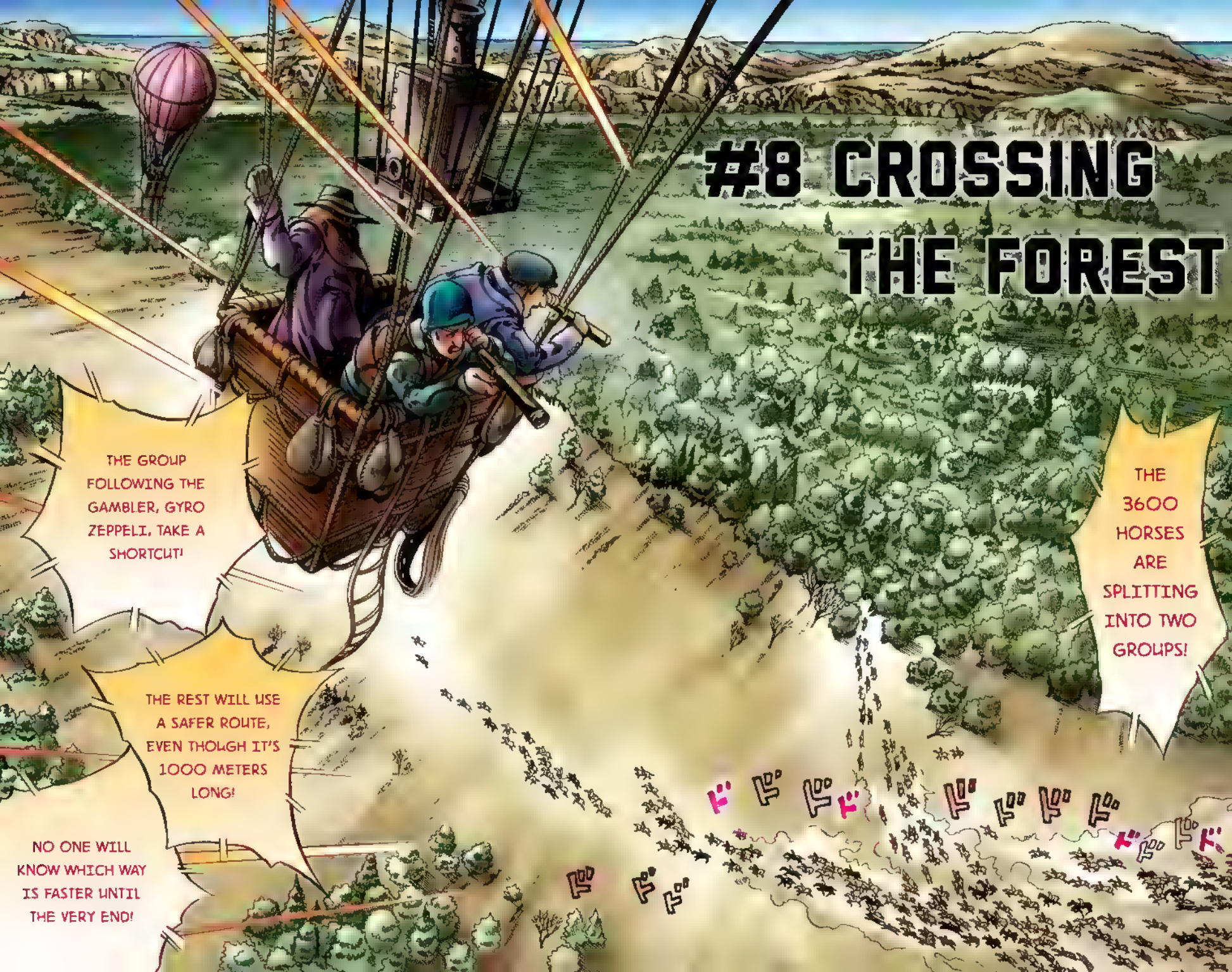
GYRO DISAPPEARED INTO THE FOREST!


NUMBER 777 IS THE FIRST TO DIVE IN!
...WHAT'S HE DOING?
WHAT?! THIS GUY?!
'HE CLOSED HIS EYES'.
AND THAT POSTURE IS ONE OF CONFIDENCE, NOT FEAR!
HE'S NOT SLIGHTLY OPENING HIS EYES, EITHER!
WHAT'S HE THINKING?!
HE'S SPEEDING UP!
IT'S LIKE HE DECIDED ...MORE LIKE TESTING HIMSELF BY CLOSING HIS EYES.

IT'S TRUE... IF IT WASN'T, I WOULD HAVE ALREADY FALLEN OFF THE HORSE!
I REALLY HAVE THAT "ONE OUT OF 50 HUNDRED MILLION" GOOD LUCK! UH-OHHH!
#8 CROSSING THE FOREST
I WON'T GET HIT BY BRANCHES EVEN IF I CLOSE MY EYES!
NOTHING WILL KICK ME OFF THIS HORSE!


#8 CROSSING THE FOREST
THE GROUP FOLLOWING THE GAMBLER, GYRO ZEPPELI, TAKE A SHORTCUT!
THE REST WILL USE A SAFER ROUTE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S 1000 METERS LONG!
NO ONE WILL KNOW WHICH WAY IS FASTER UNTIL THE VERY END!
THE 3600 HORSES ARE SPLITTING INTO TWO GROUPS!
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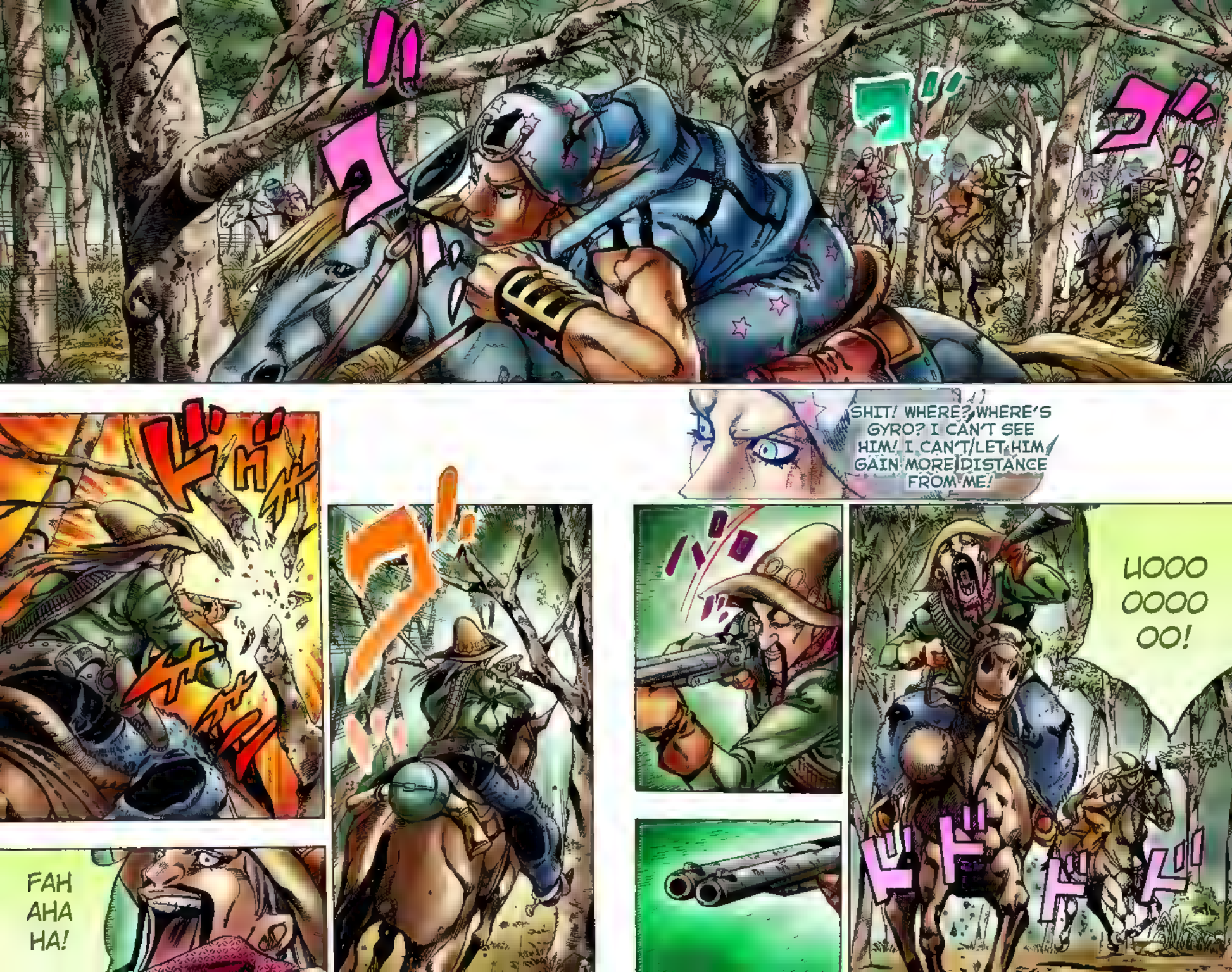
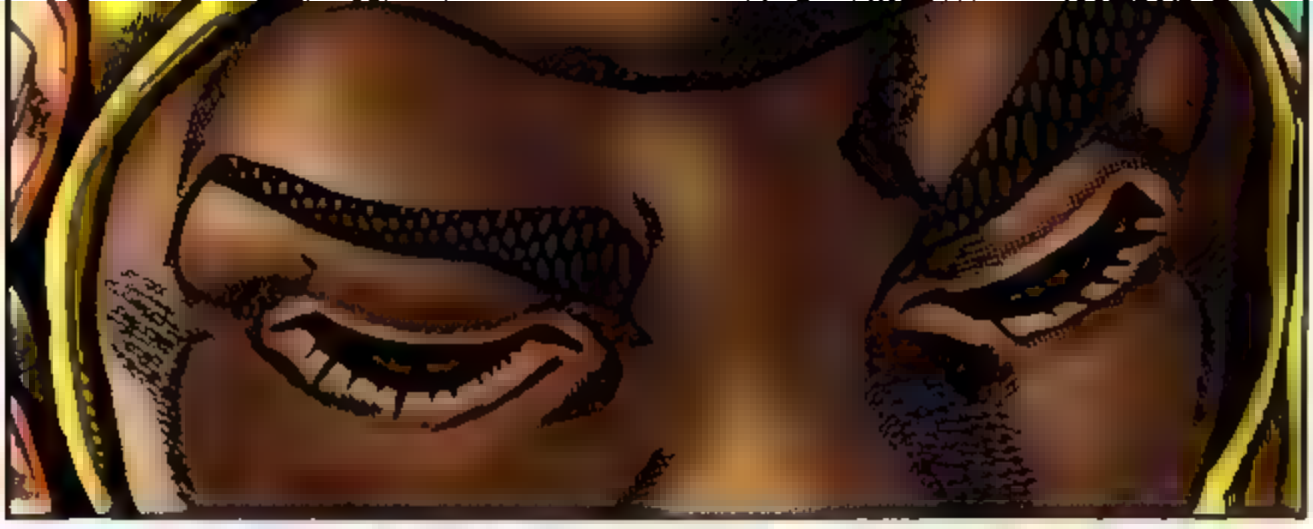

SHIT! WHERE? WHERE'S GYRO? I CAN'T SEE HIM! I CAN'T LET HIM GAIN MORE DISTANCE FROM ME!
FAH AHA HA!
HOOO OOOO OO!

CRACK
OH!
OOOO!

WHOAA!



EVEN THOUGH HE'S CLOSING HIS EYES...
THIS GUY ...

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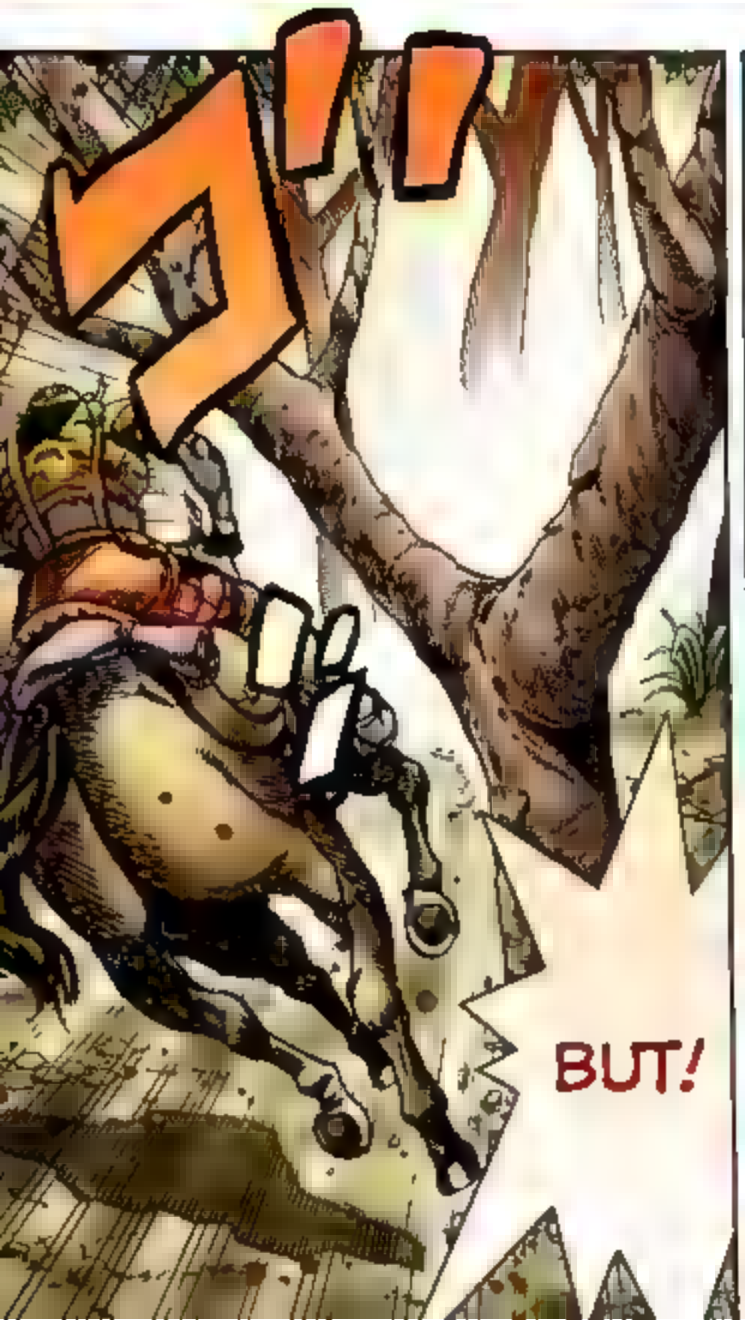
HE'S ACCELERATING WHILE HIS EYES ARE CLOSED!


BUT!

DID HE THINK IT WAS SAFER TO CLOSE HIS EYES AND LET THE HORSE MOVE ON ITS OWN RATHER THAN CONTROLLING THE HORSE HIMSELF?!
CERTAINLY ...
THE RIDER'S 'AWARENESS' AND FEAR OF OBSTACLES COULD TRANSFER TO THEIR HORSE...

IS RACING NEAR HIS STRENGTH'S LIMIT!
EVEN GYRO
BUT SOME SWEET THINKING LIKE THAT CAN WIN THIS RACE!

PASSED HIM!
UGHA!
AGH!

HUH?!
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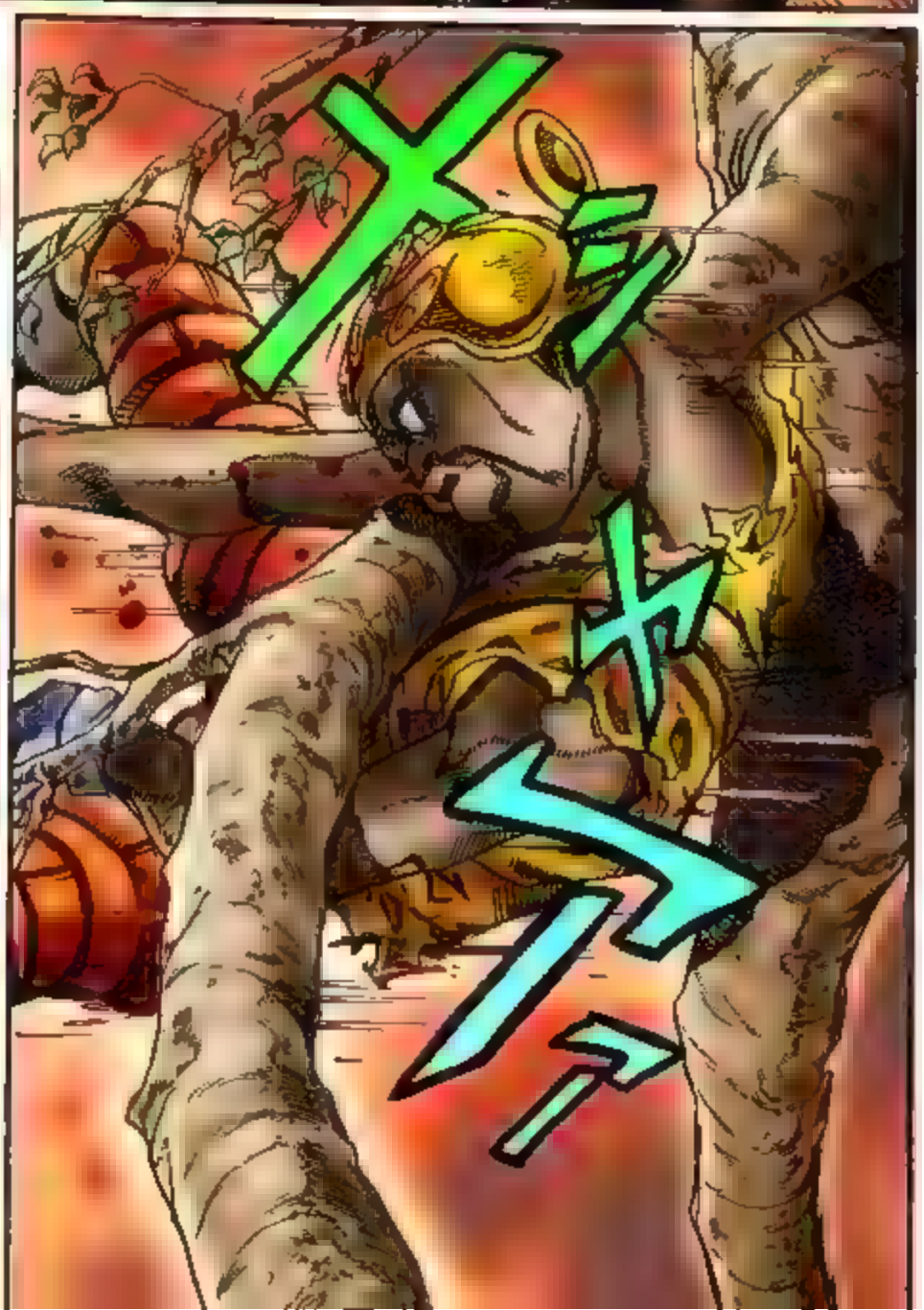
NO WAY...

B... BUT!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SOME THIN AND BORING FREAK.
JUST AS I THOUGHT ..
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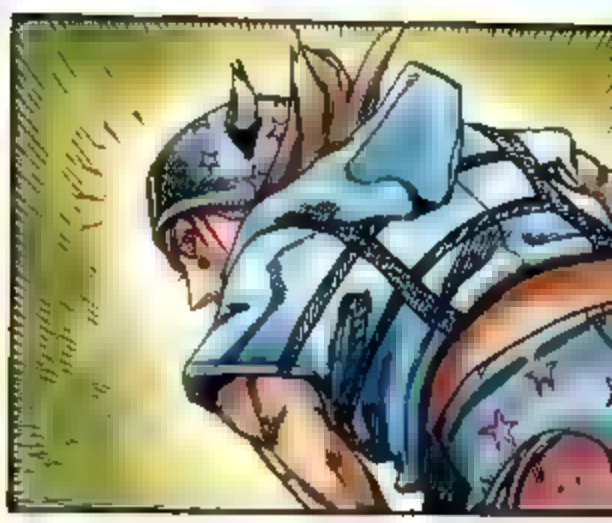

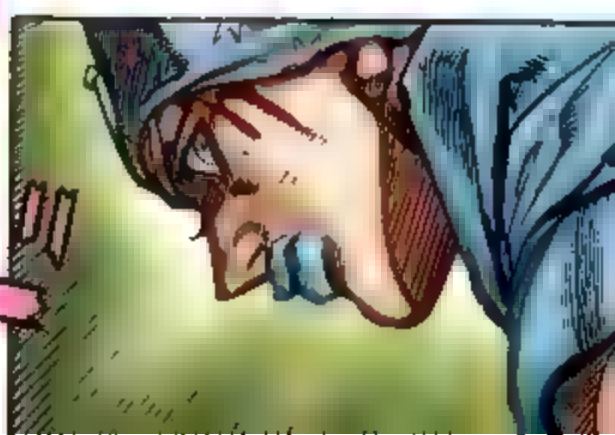

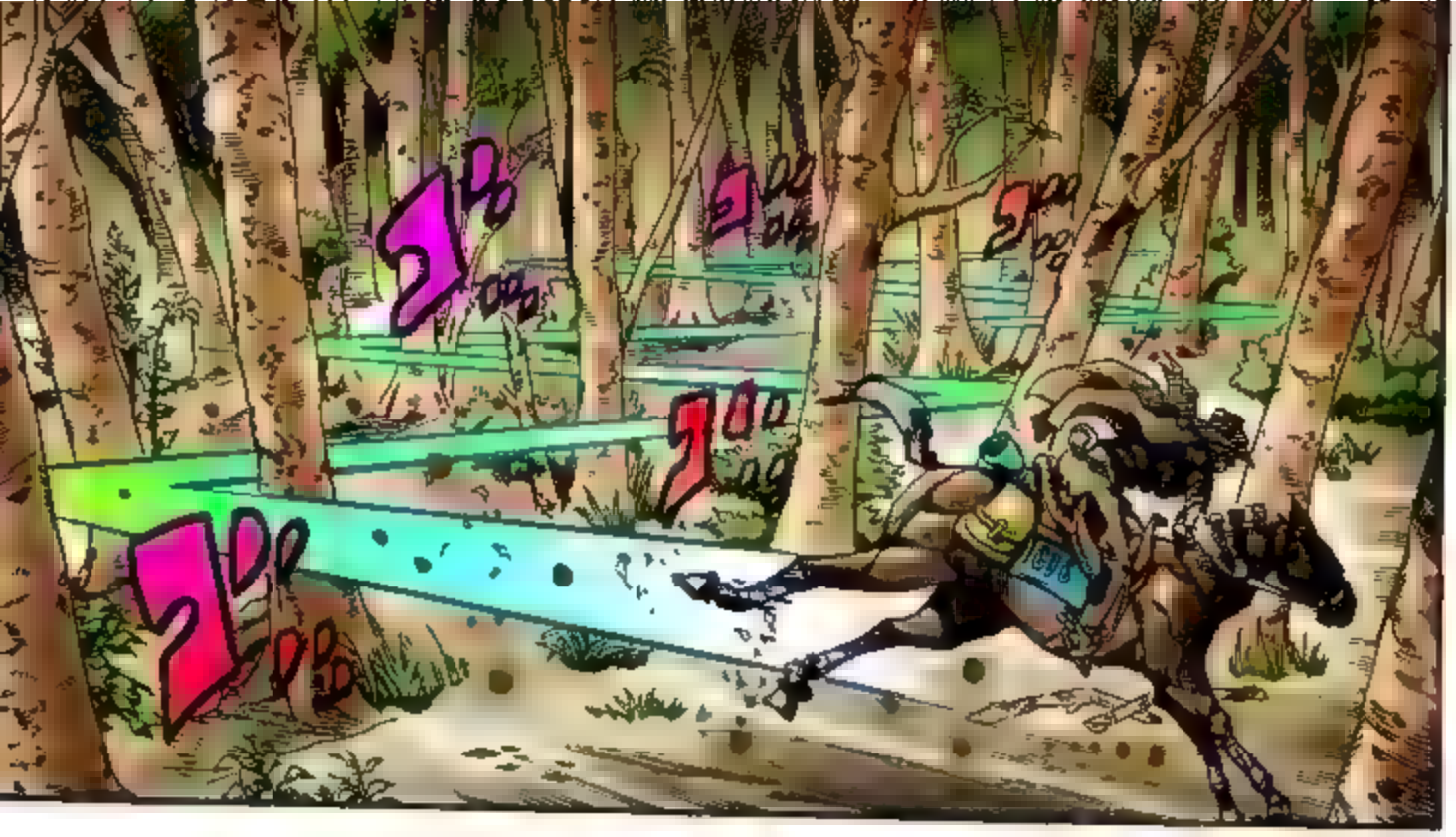

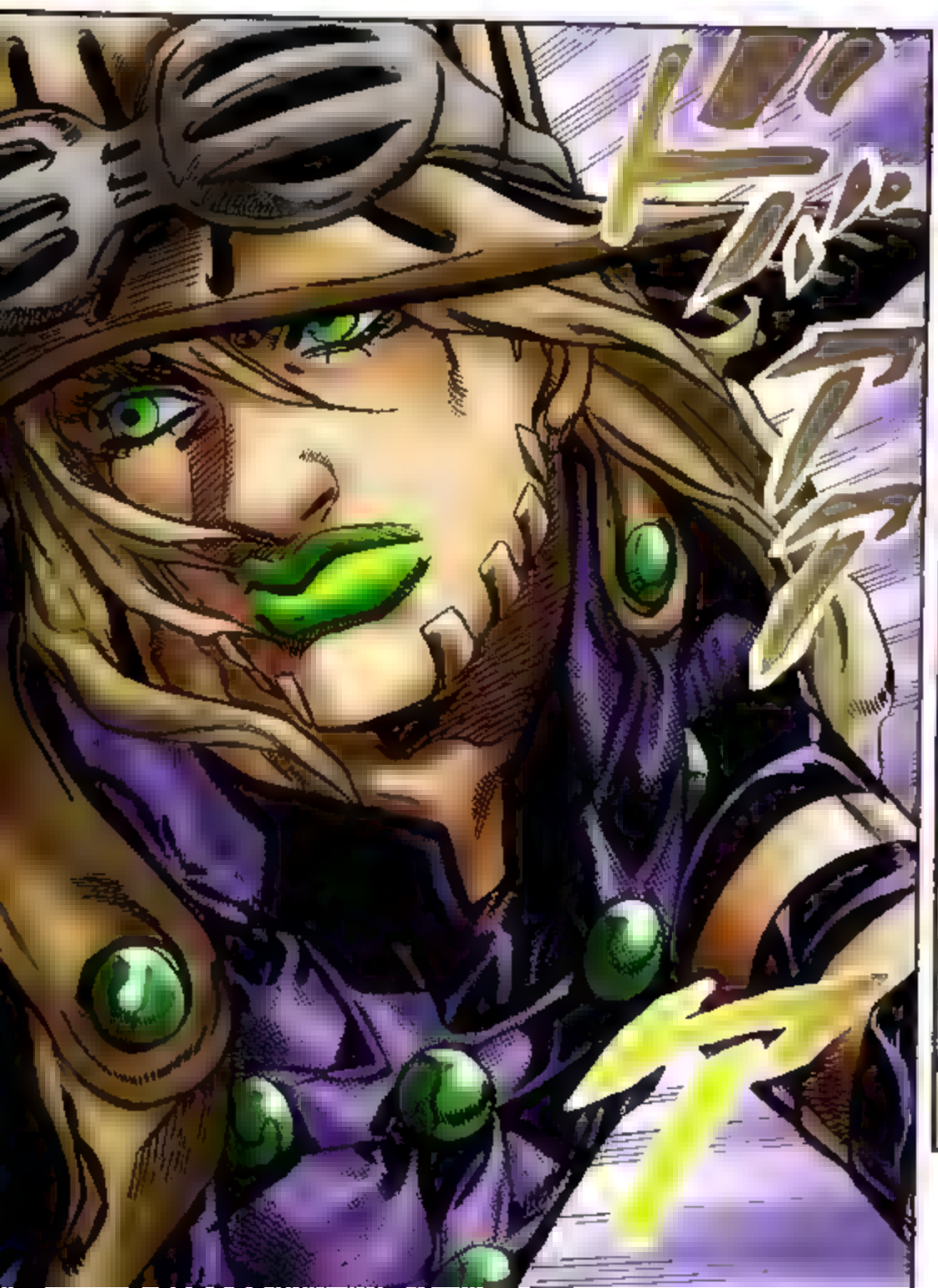

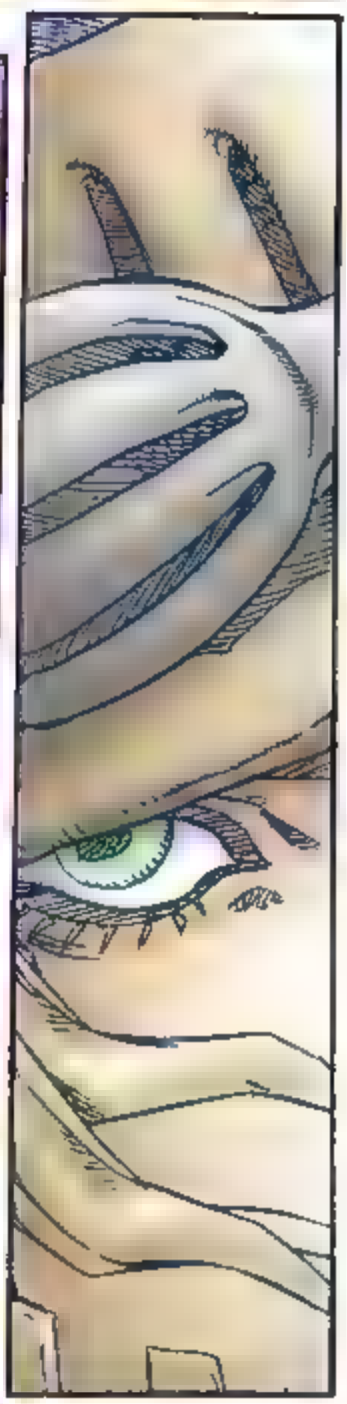

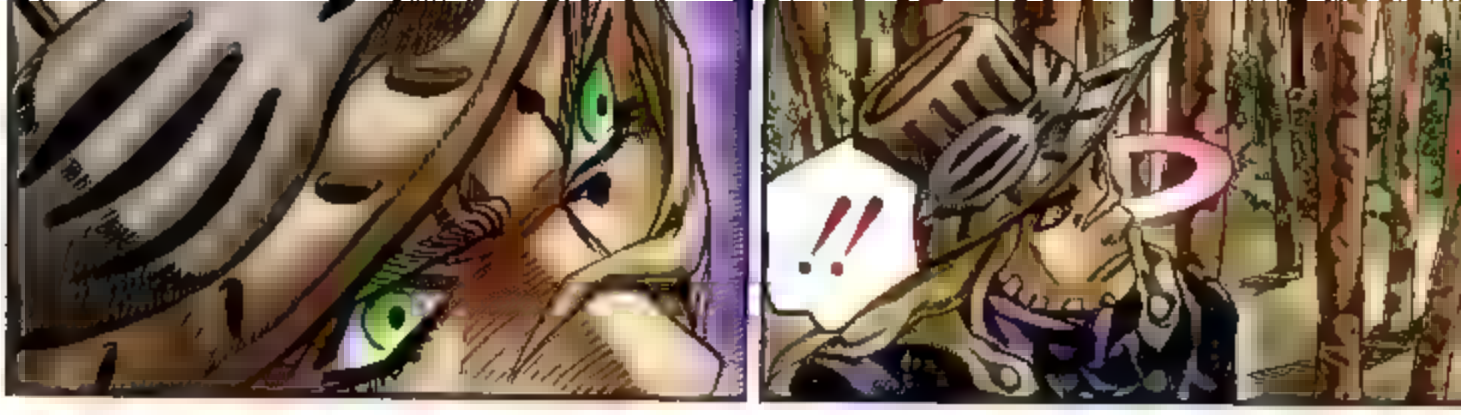
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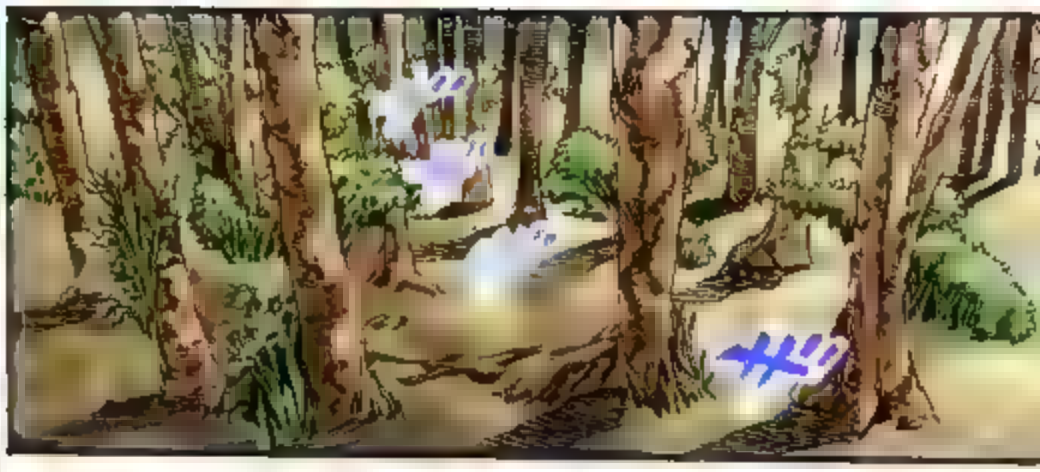
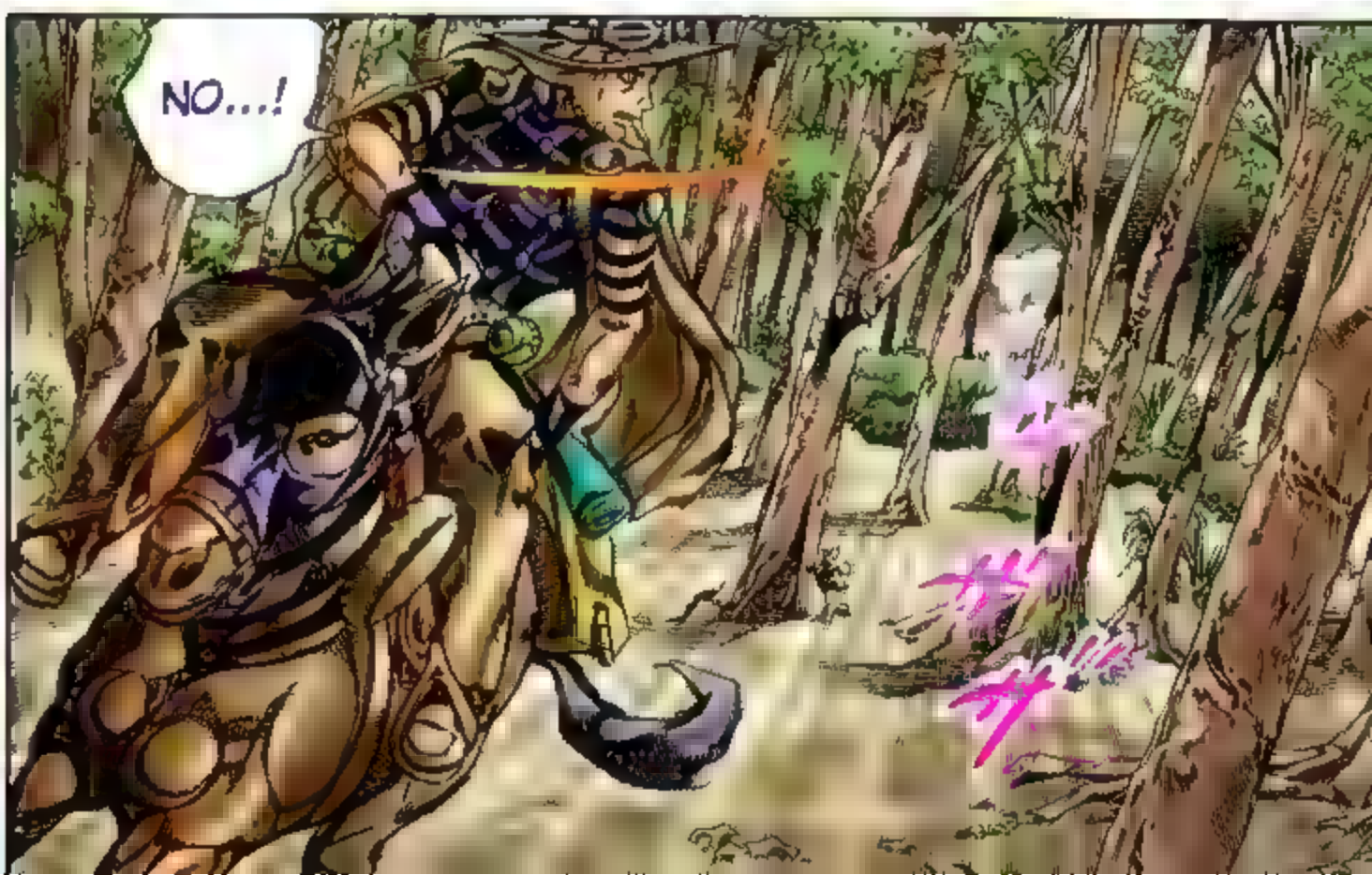
MY MIND'S PLAYING TRICKS ON ME...
I COULD HAVE SWORN SOMEONE WAS COMING...

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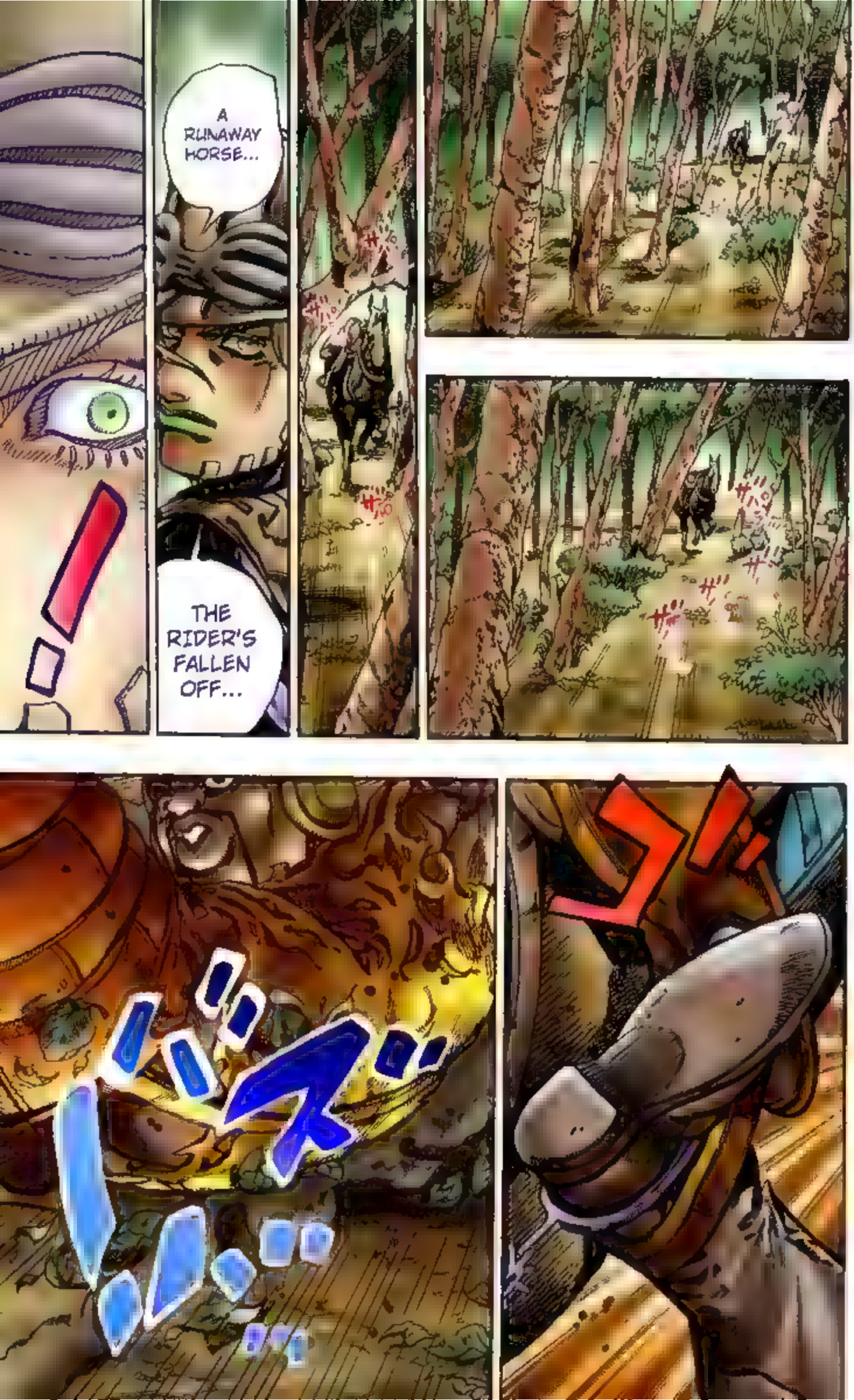
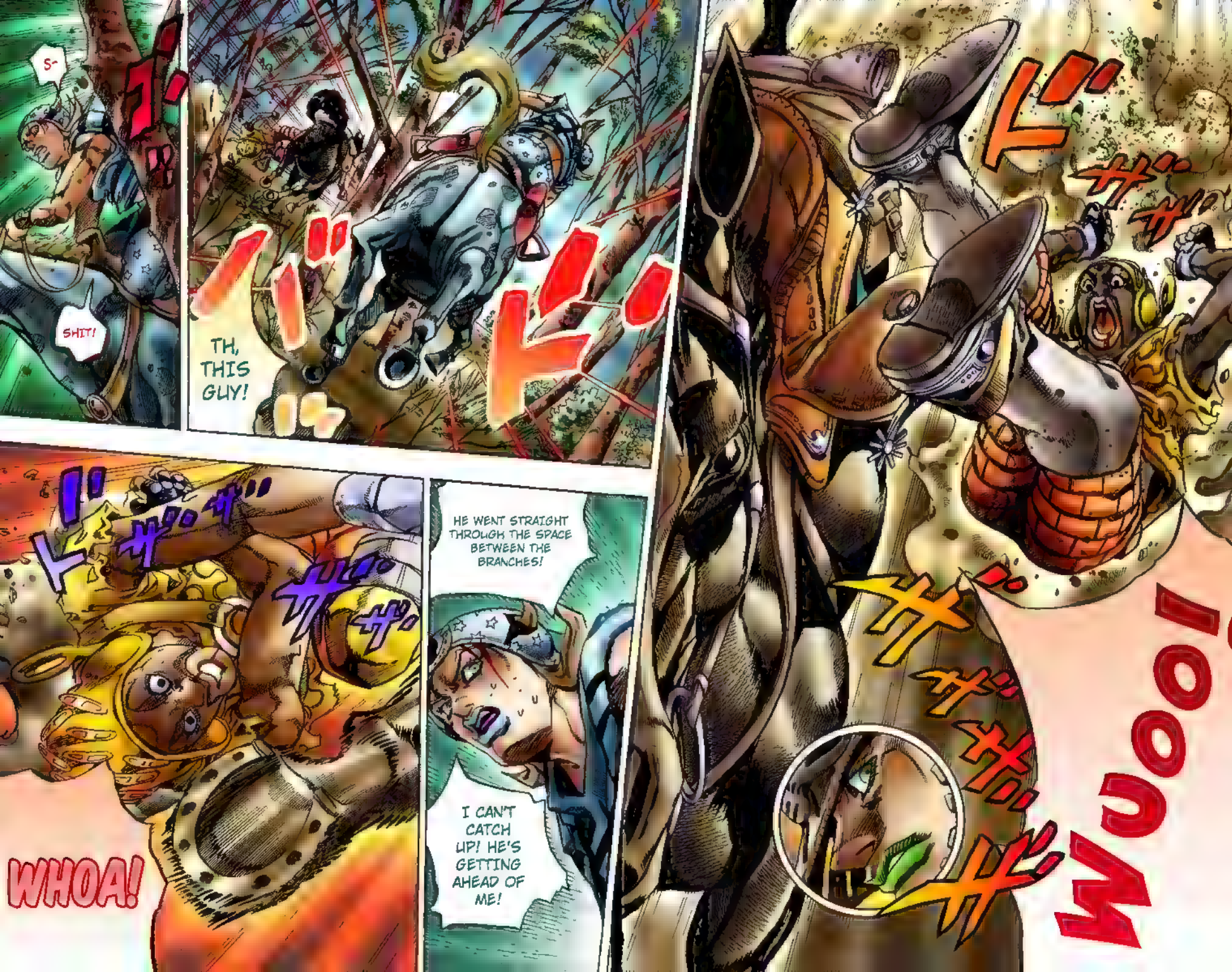

A RUNAWAY HORSE...
THE RIDER'S FALLEN OFF...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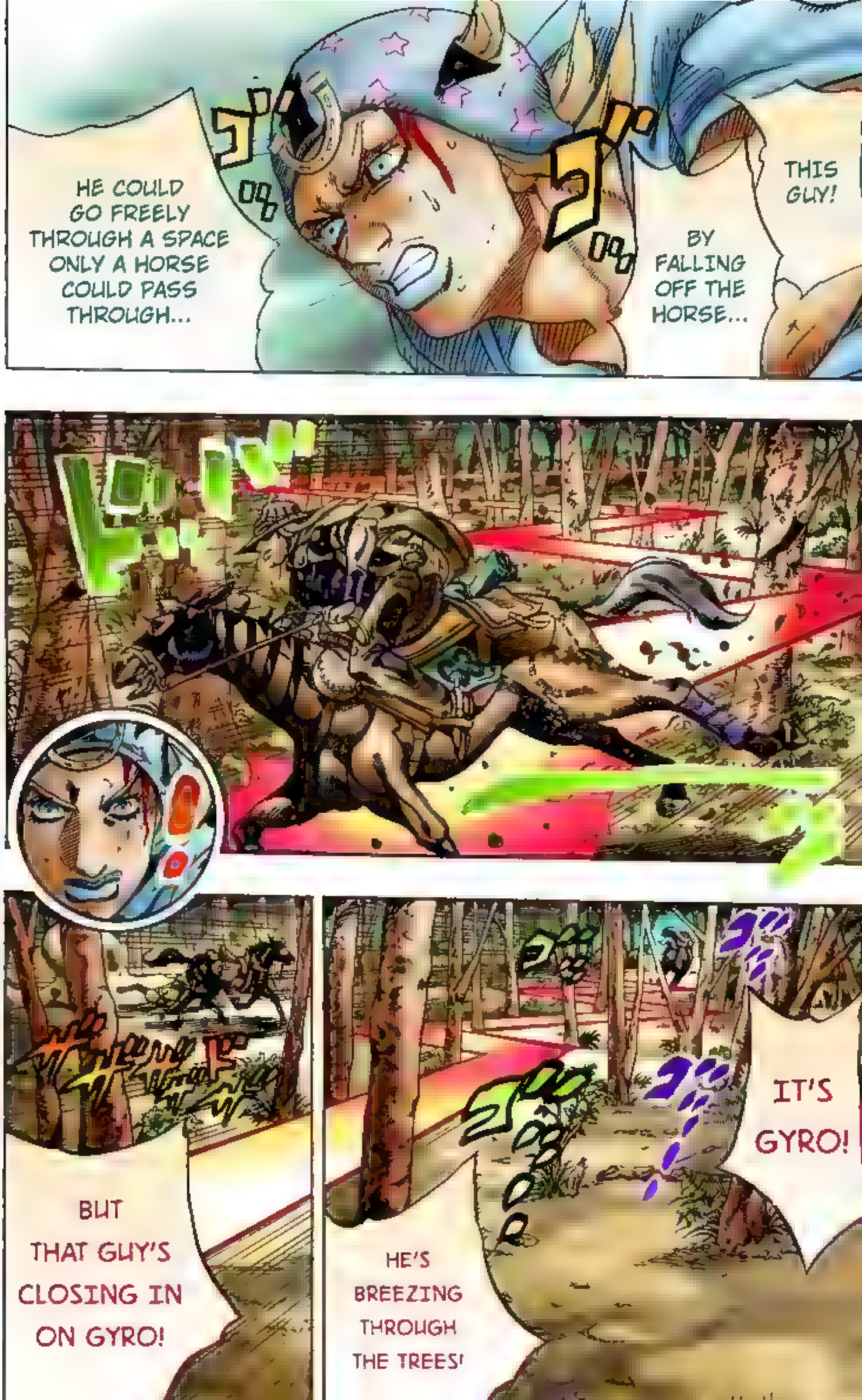
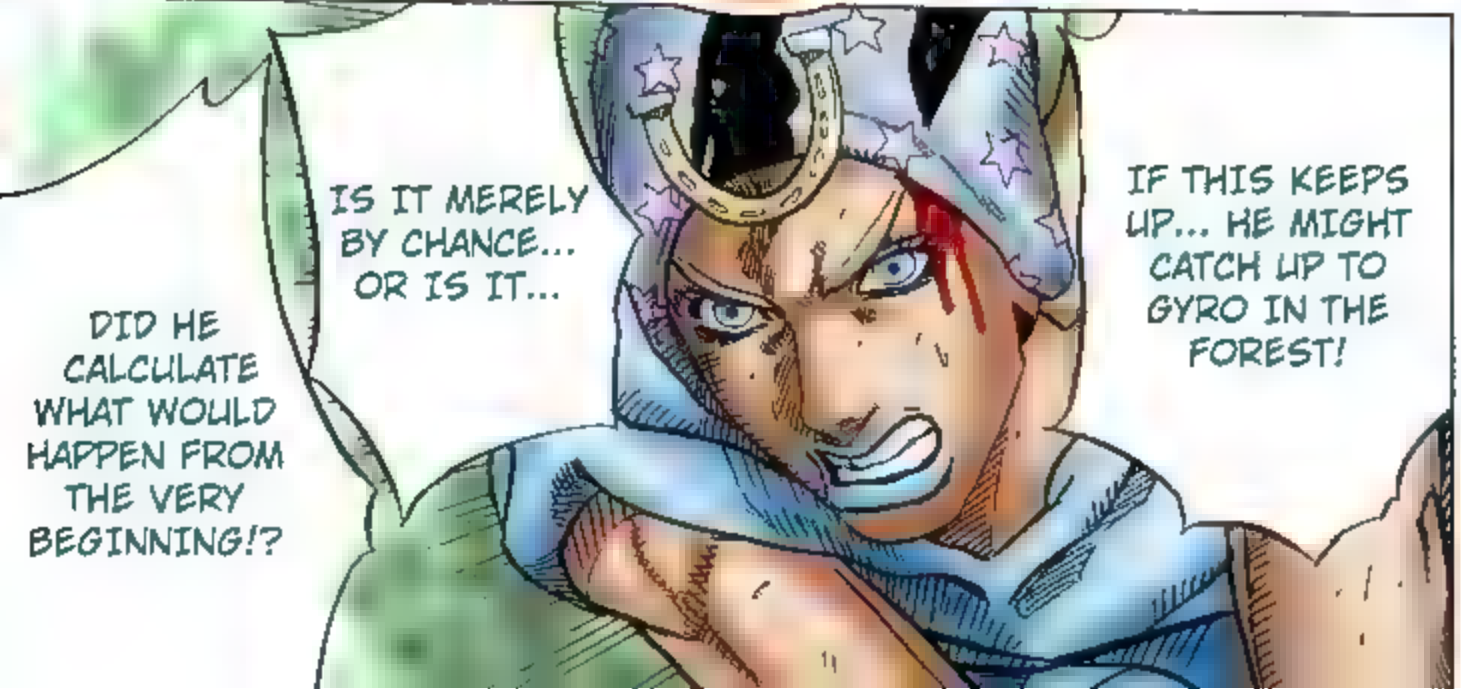
SHIT!
TH, THIS GUY!
WHOA!
HE WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH THE SPACE BETWEEN THE BRANCHES!
I CAN'T CATCH UP! HE'S GETTING AHEAD OF ME!
WUOOO!


HE COULD GO FREELY THROUGH A SPACE ONLY A HORSE COULD PASS THROUGH...
BY FALLING OFF THE HORSE...
THIS GUY!
BUT THAT GUY'S CLOSING IN ON GYRO!
HE'S BREEZING THROUGH THE TREES!
IT'S GYRO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LUCKY I WAS!
F... FAST! FAST!
YO!
YO!
FALLING OFF THE HORSE!
I WAS REALLY LUCKY!


DID HE CALCULATE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!?
IS IT MERELY BY CHANCE... OR IS IT...
IF THIS KEEPS UP... HE MIGHT CATCH UP TO GYRO IN THE FOREST!

WHAT THE HELL?
.....
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO AVOID MORE THAN JUST TREES.
DAMN!

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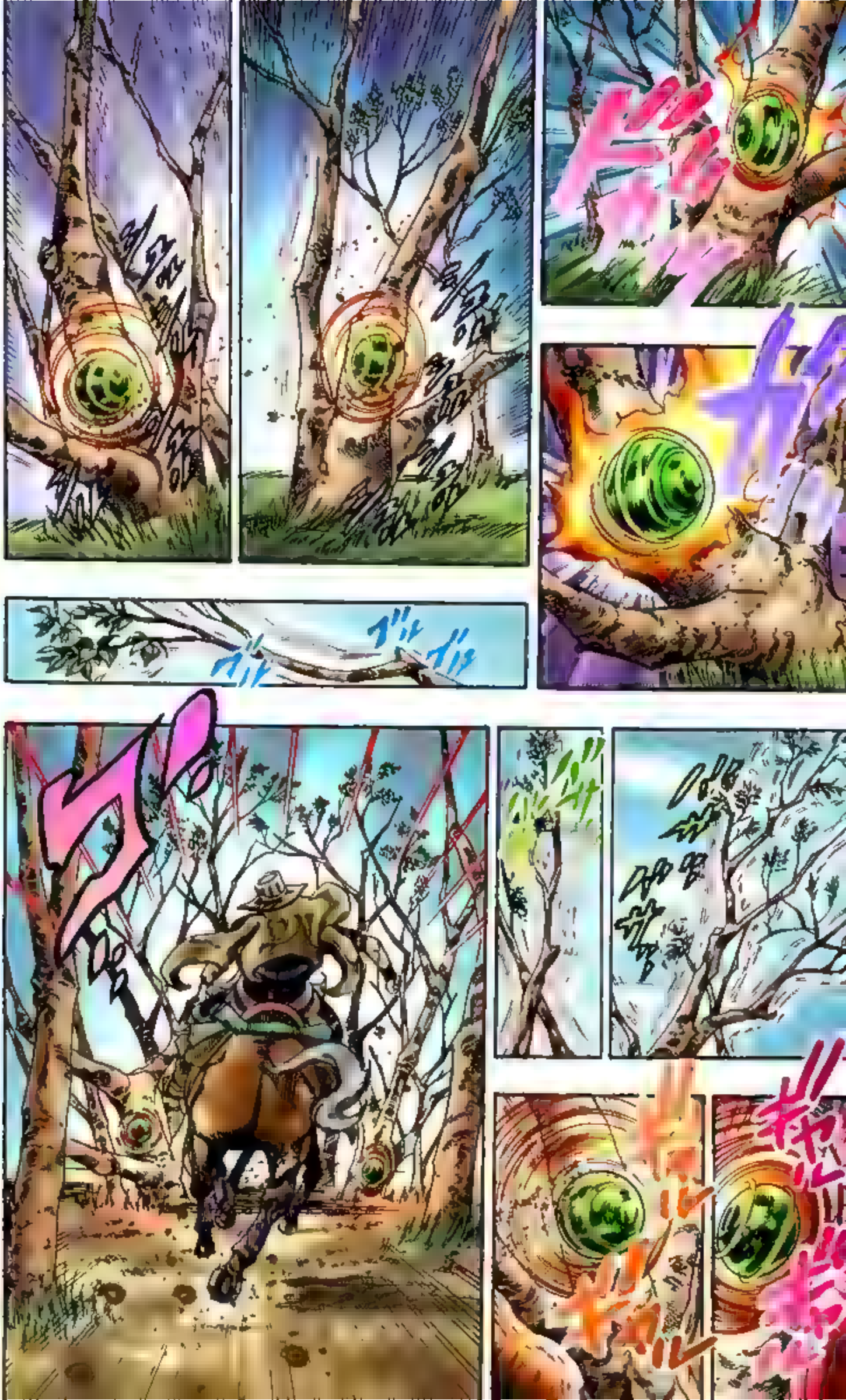

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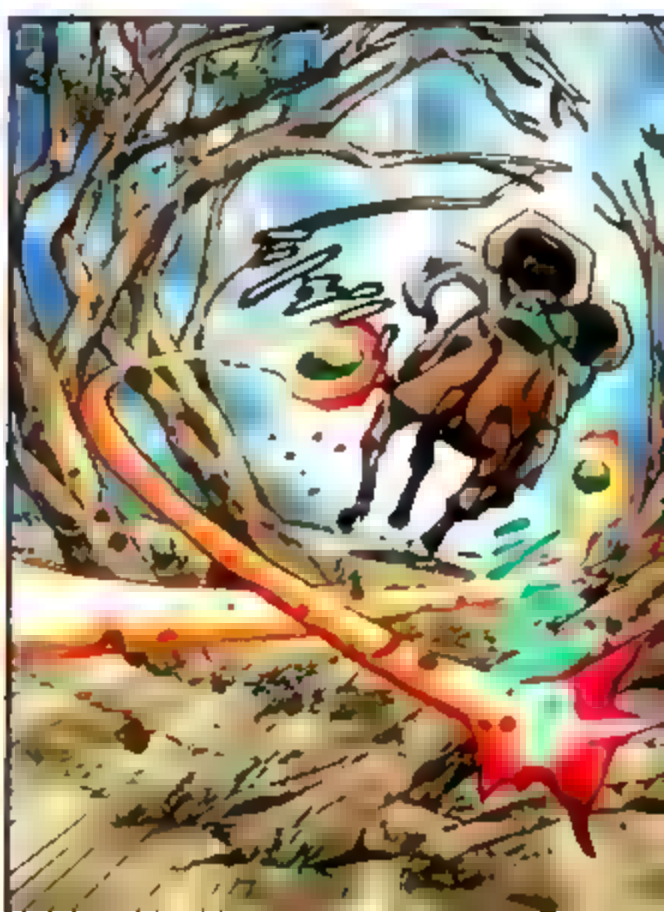
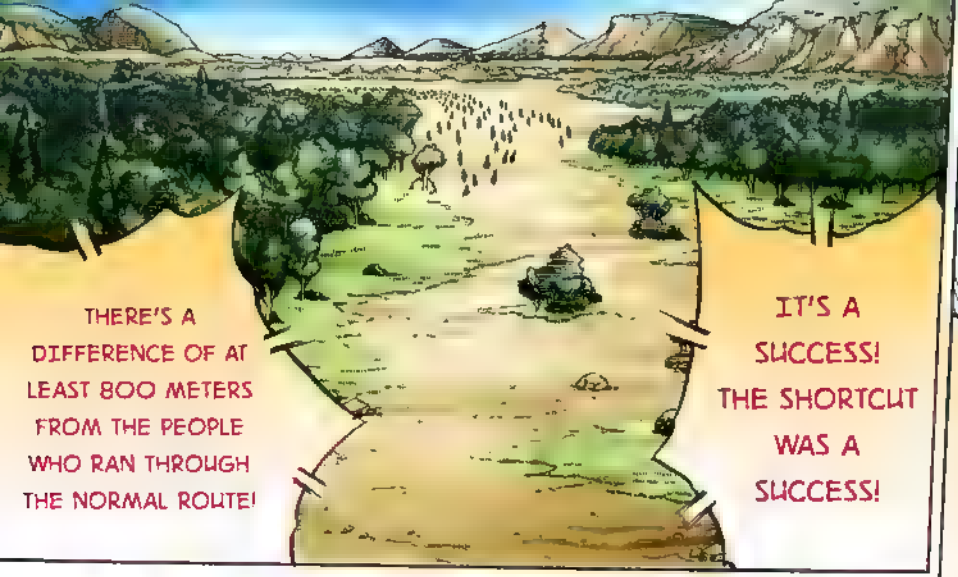
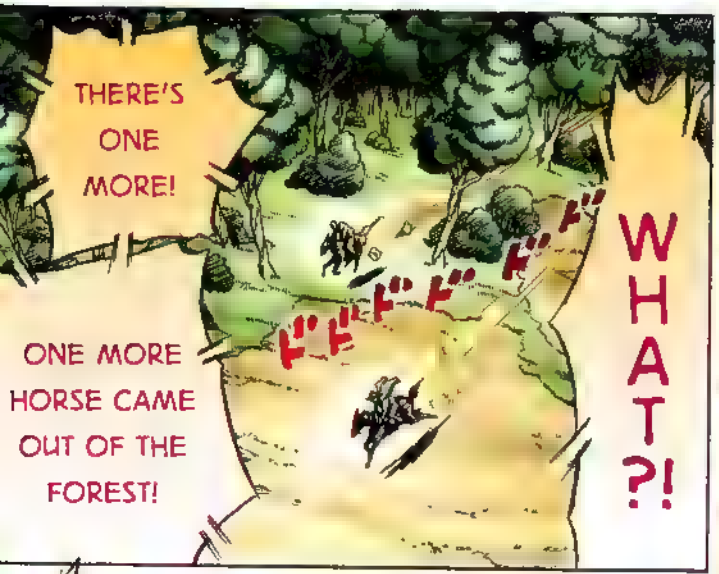
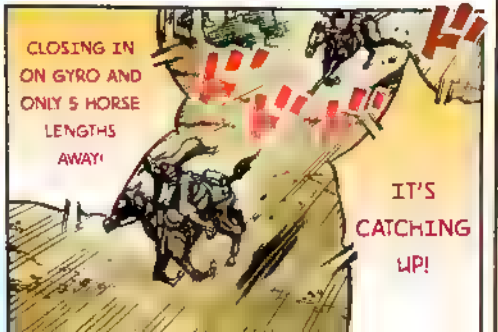


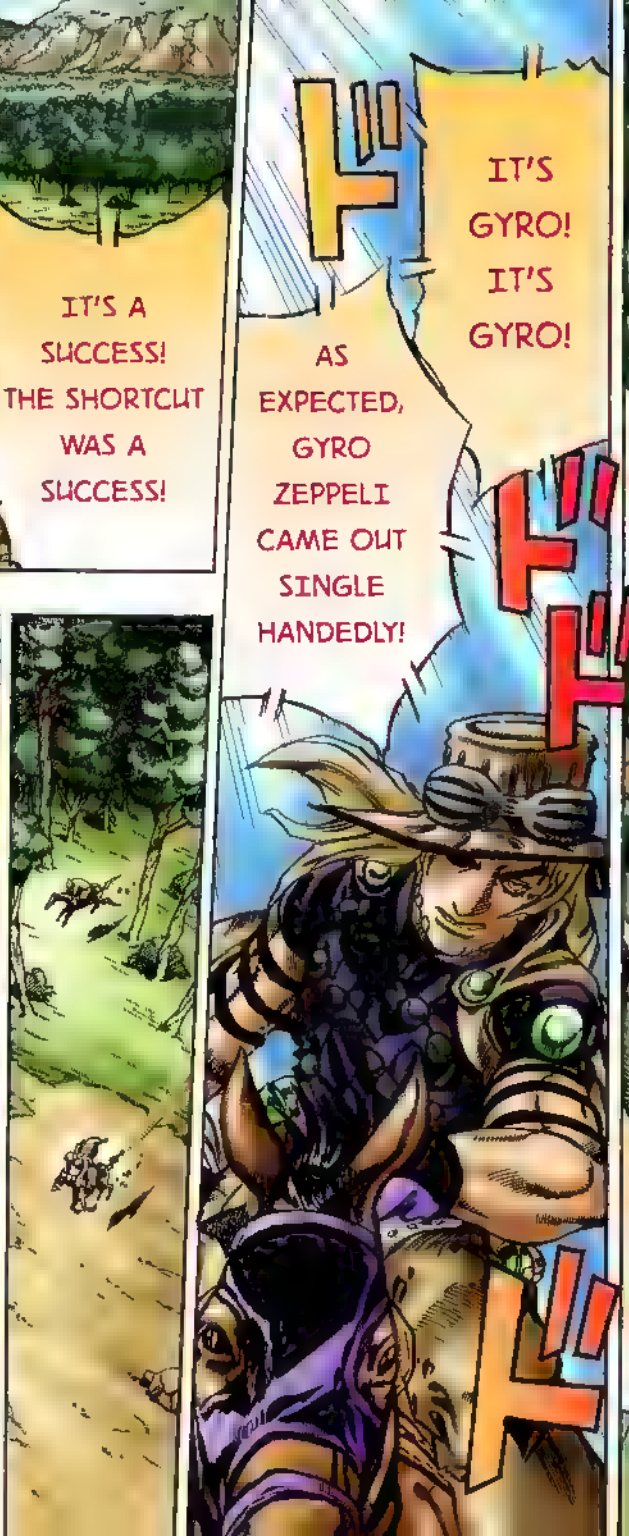
BHEE!
GWAH!
UOAA!


THERE'S A DIFFERENCE OF AT LEAST 800 METERS FROM THE PEOPLE WHO RAN THROUGH THE NORMAL ROUTE!
IT'S A SUCCESS! THE SHORTCUT WAS A SUCCESS!


THERE'S ONE MORE!
ONE MORE HORSE CAME OUT OF THE FOREST!
WHAT?!

NO 3!


CLOSING IN ON GYRO AND ONLY 5 HORSE LENGTHS AWAY!
IT'S CATCHING UP!


IT'S GYRO! IT'S GYRO!
AS EXPECTED, GYRO ZEPPELI CAME OUT SINGLE HANDEDLY!

OO OO OH!
ONE CAME OUT OF THE FOREST!
THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING!
ONE HORSE HAS MADE IT THROUGH THE FOREST!

WHAT IS GOING ON?!
WHAT THE?! WHO THE HECK IS THAT?!
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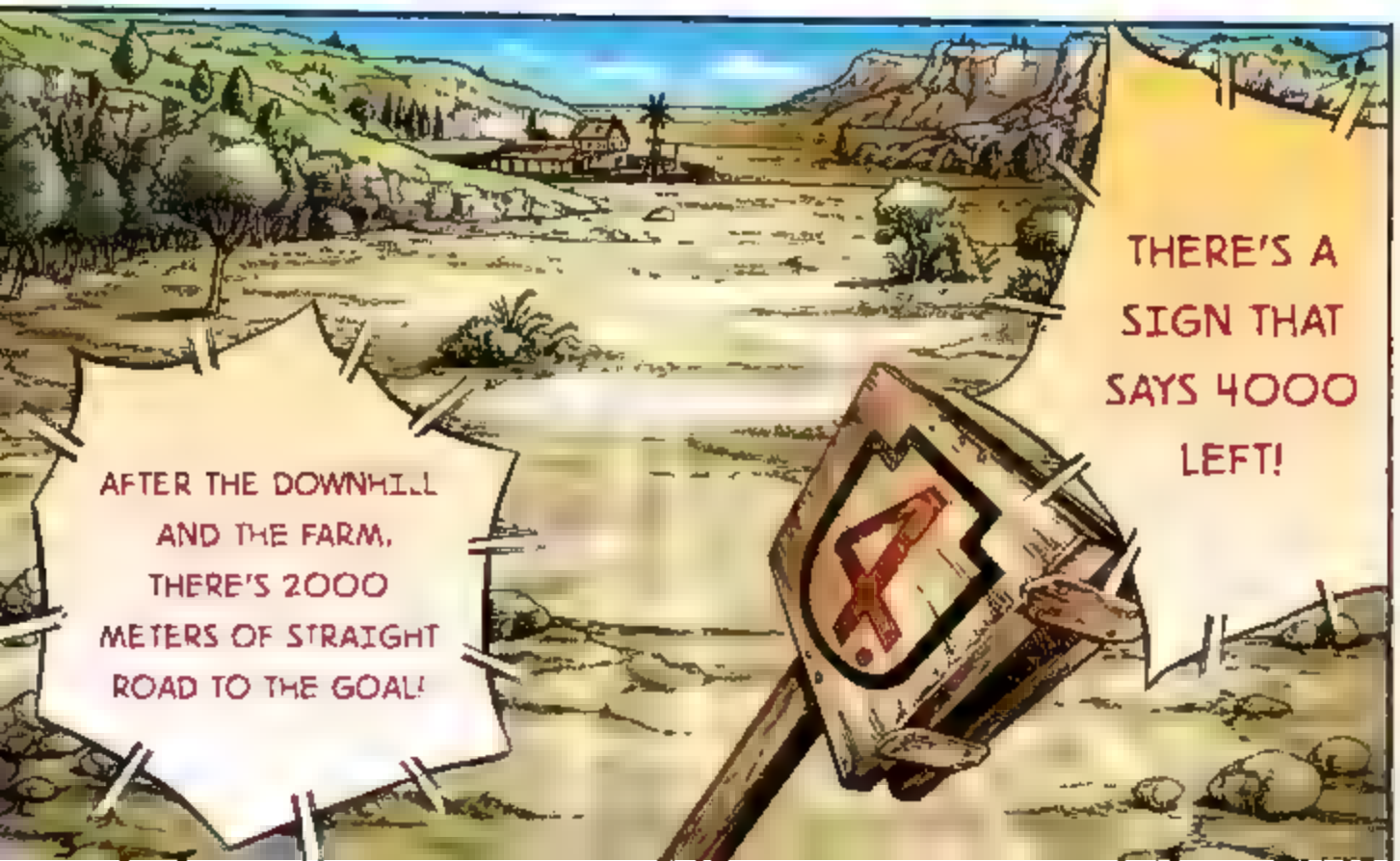
EVEN THOUGH GYRO ZEPPELI WAS SO FAR AHEAD COMING OUT OF THE FOREST, SOME-ONE HAS ALREADY CAUGHT UP TO HIM!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHO IS HE?!
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF 'ABILITY'... OR ELSE THIS COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!
I GOT HIT BY A TREE BRANCH AND WAS KNOCKED BACK ON THE SADDLE!
UH
OHHH
IT'S TRUE!
I REALLY AM A LUCKY GUY!


AFTER THE DOWNHILL AND THE FARM, THERE'S 2000 METERS OF STRAIGHT ROAD TO THE GOAL!
THERE'S A SIGN THAT SAYS 4000 LEFT!

AND THE FINAL BATTLE BEGINS BETWEEN THE LEADING RIDERS! ONLY 4000 METERS ARE LEFT UNTIL THEY REACH THE GOAL!
THE DEVIL'S DOWNHILL STANDS BEFORE THEM!
STILL ON TOP IS GYRO ZEPPELI!
#9 LONG, LONG DOWNHILL

OH! EVEN WHEN PEOPLE JUMP AHEAD, YOU MUST KEEP A SLOWER PACE!
YOU MUST HOLD A STEADY PACE! IF YOU PUT OUT TOO MUCH SPEED GOING DOWNHILL,
THE LEGS OF YOUR HORSE COULD GIVE OUT DURING THE FINAL STRETCH!
EVEN IF YOU'RE SCATTERED AND BEHIND IN THE GROUP
ENDURE IT! EVERYONE MUST ENDURE IT!
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THE ENERGY SPENT RUNNING THE 11000 METERS WILL ALL BE WASTED!
THE SAME WAY A WELL WILL DRY UP.
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!
HANG ON, STEADY
DON'T LET THE OTHER HORSES DISTRACT YOU!
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THEY'RE ALMOST HERE! YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO EXHAUST YOUR HORSE'S LEGS AT THIS POINT
FROM HERE ON OUT, IT COMES DOWN TO WHO WILL BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT THE BEST!
BUT STILL, THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN DROP YOUR PACE EITHER!
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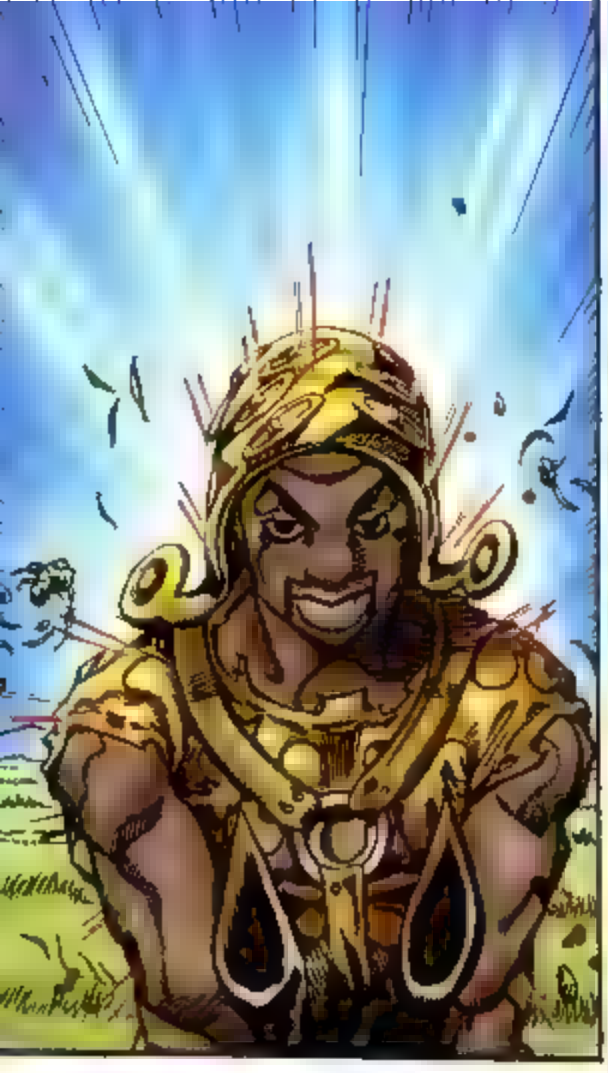

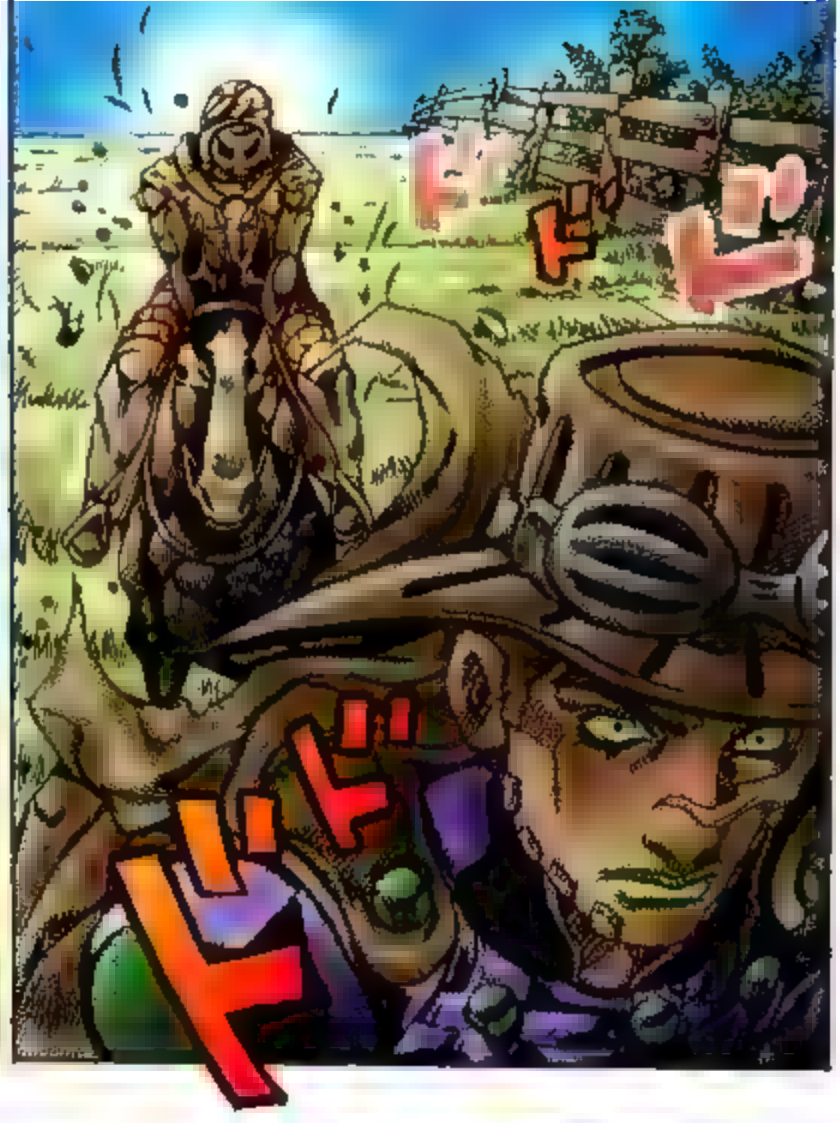
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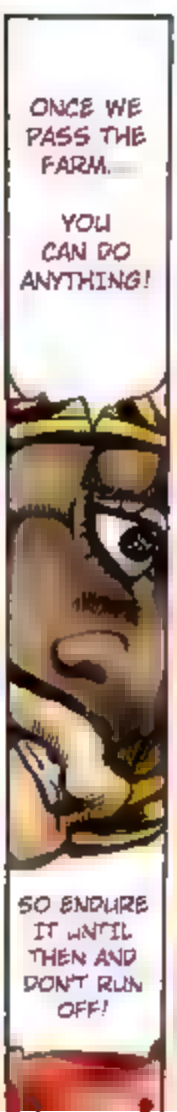
BUT STAY IN THE LEAD.
BUILD UP YOUR STRENGTH SLOWLY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR BACK.
AND ONCE WE PASS THE FARM...

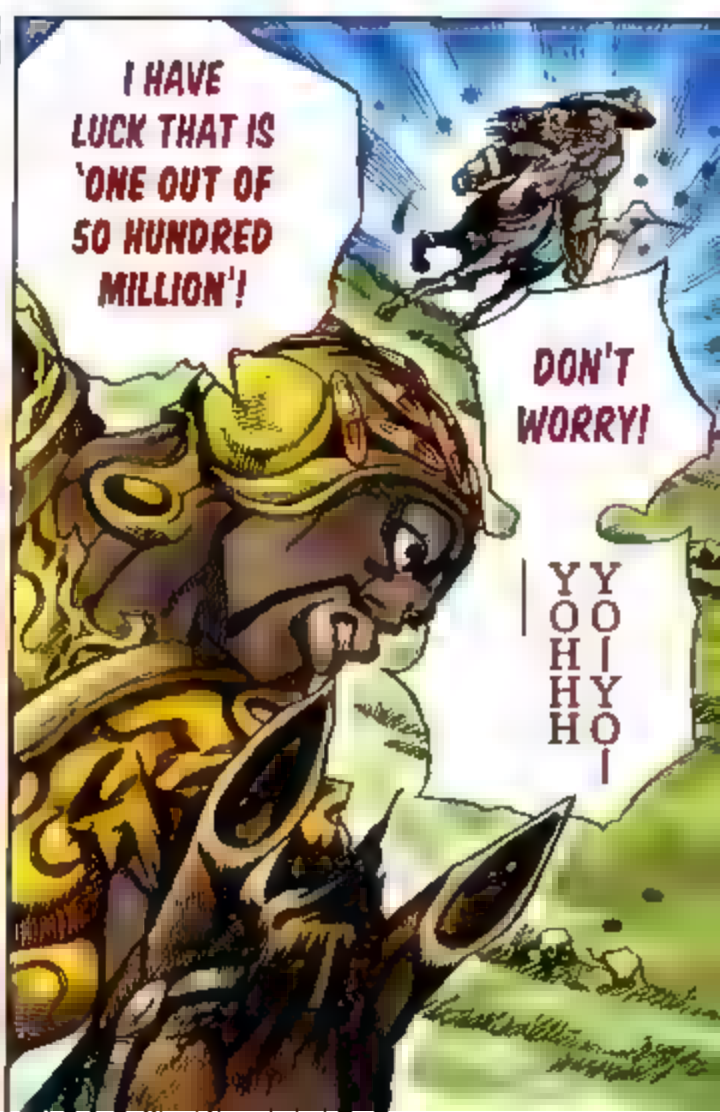
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.. I DIDN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES DURING THE FOREST CROSSING.
DAMN ...
I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL THIS GUY IS...
OR HOW HE CAUGHT UP SO FAST.

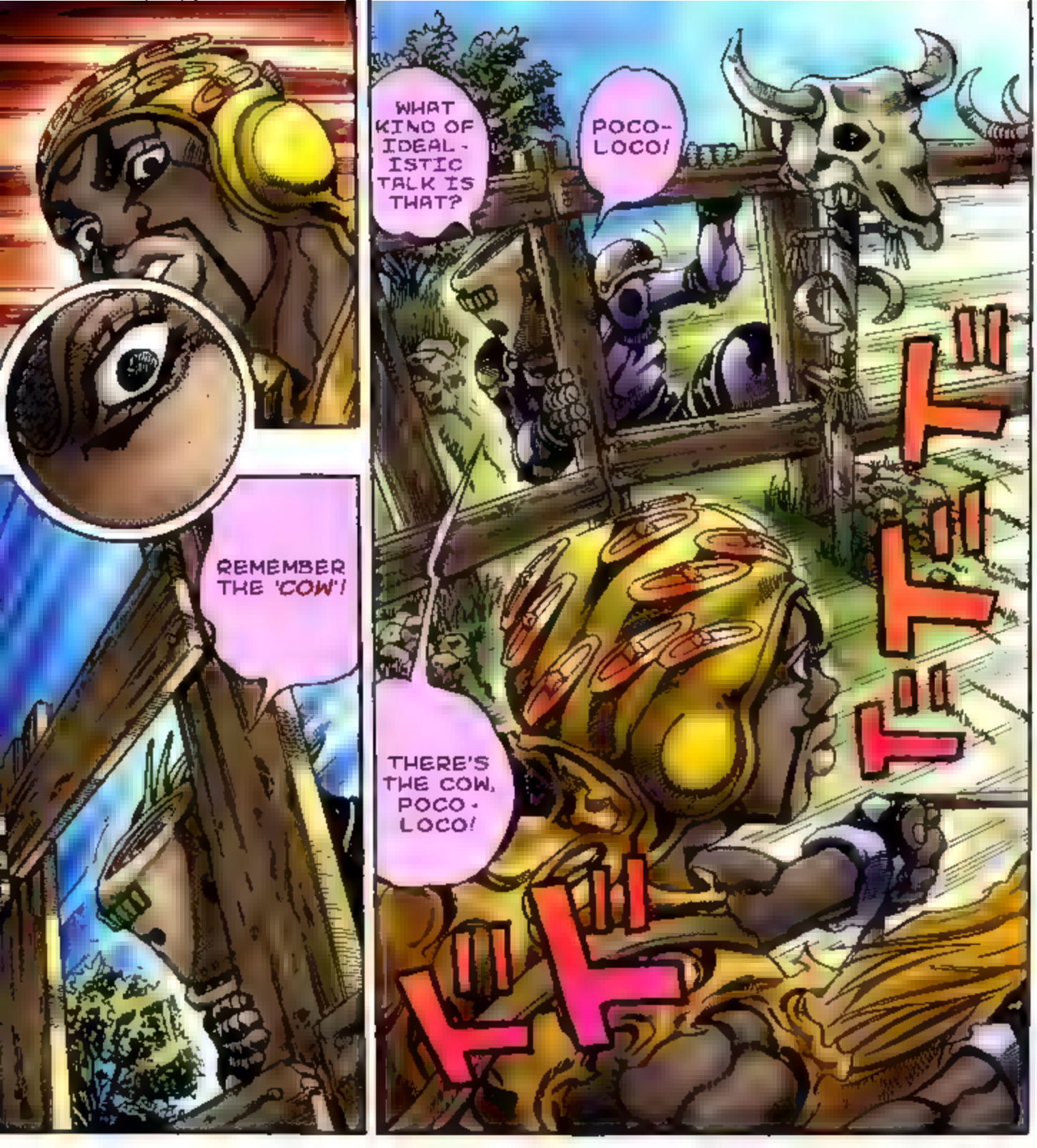
I'LL LET YOU EXPLODE INTO ACTION!

SOMEONE COULDN'T TAKE THE SLOW PACE,
HE'S CLOSING IN ON GYRO AND NUMBER 777!
AND FLEW OUT, CHARGING TO THE FRONT!

ONCE WE CHARGE OUR ENERGY... WE CAN DO ANYTHING!


ONCE WE PASS THE FARM...
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!
SO ENDURE IT UNTIL THEN AND DON'T RUN OFF!


I HAVE LUCK THAT IS 'ONE OUT OF 50 HUNDRED MILLION'!
DON'T WORRY!
YOHHH YOI YOI!


REMEMBER THE 'COW'!
WHAT KIND OF IDEAL-ISTIC TALK IS THAT?
POCO-LOCO!
THERE'S THE COW, POCO-LOCO!
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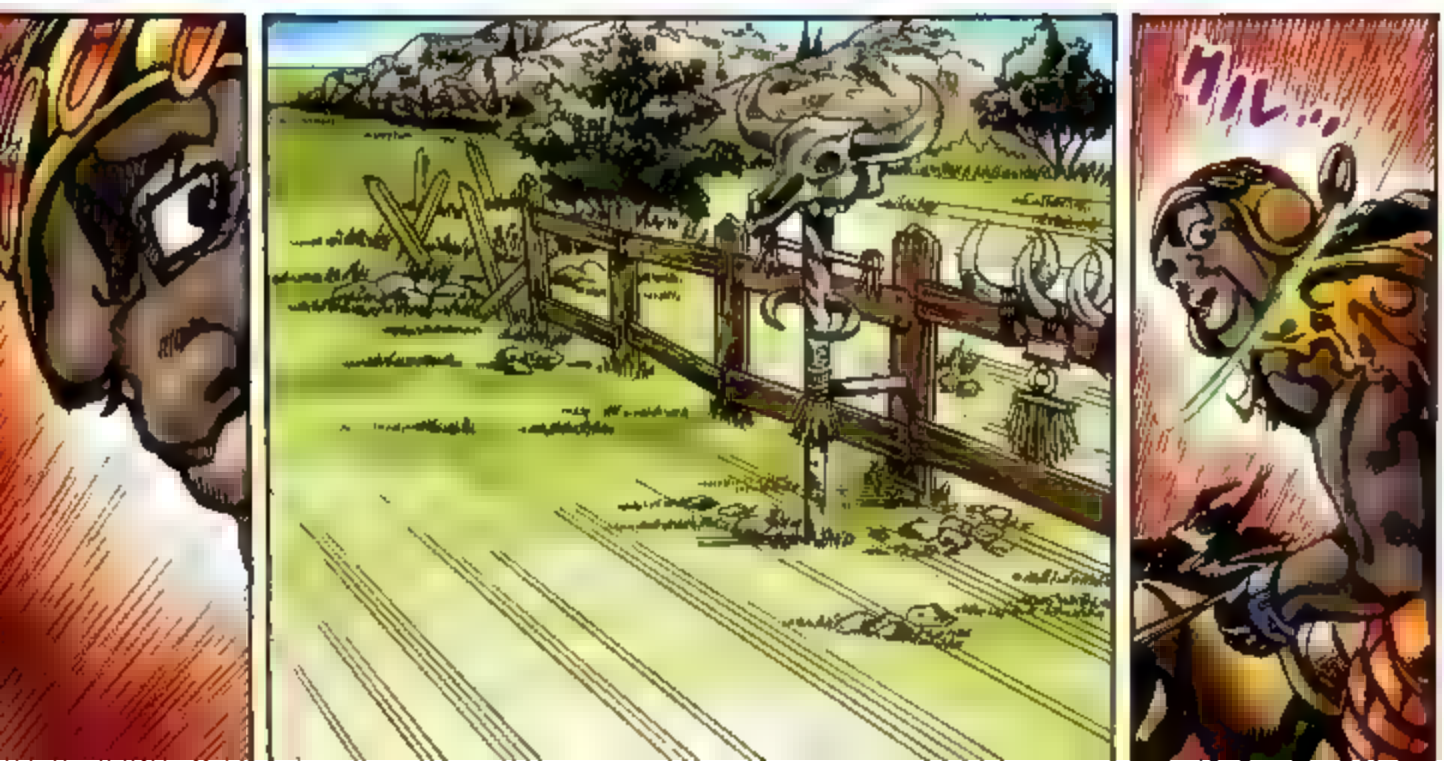
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TH... THAT THING I SAW JUST NOW... WAS I HALLUCINATING? I... I...
DID I HIT MY HEAD WHEN I FELL OFF IN THE FOREST?
I SAW SOMETHING REALLY WEIRD ..
HUH?!
IT WILL ALL WORK OUT. RIGHT? YOU'LL CERTAINLY WIN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DOWN-HILL AND JUST GO! HAVE FAITH!
GO!
YOU'RE THE GUY WITH THE "ONE OUT OF 50 HUNDRED MILLION LUCK"!
YOU'RE A LUCKY GUY! YOU CAN BEAT HIM IF YOU DON'T HOLD YOUR HORSE BACK!
YEAH, IT MUST BE A HAL-LUCINA-TION...
YEAH
YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, RIGHT?
SO, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ...!?
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OR ELSE YOU MIGHT FALL OFF THE HORSE YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FALL OFF YET
HEY, DON'T GET DISTRACTED!

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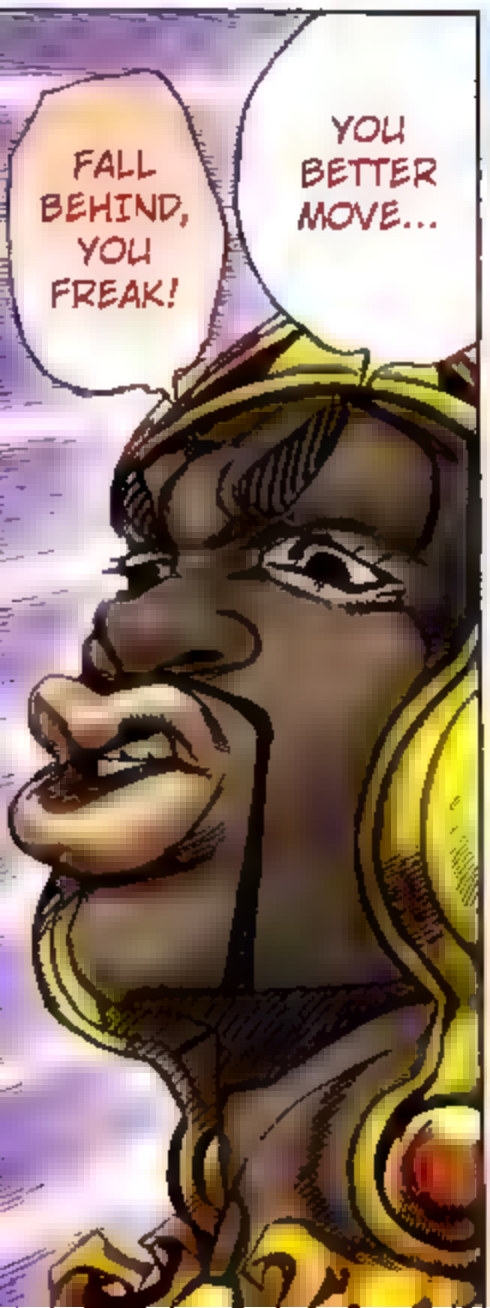
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN DO?
GUY IN THE FRONT!
YO! YOLLLL!
I PROCLAIM,
ONCE I PASS YOU...


FALL BEHIND, YOU FREAK!
YOU BETTER MOVE...

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...

WERE YOU TALKING INTO MY ASS? BECAUSE I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING WITH MY ASS...
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE THE LEAD FROM ME, POCOLOCO...

WHAT THE..

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HIS NAME IS POCOLOCO. FROM GEORGIA 21 YEARS OLD. REGISTERED AS POCOLOCO.
AMAZING! NUMBER 777 FLEW OUT IN FRONT!
HE PASSED GYRO TO TAKE THE LEAD!
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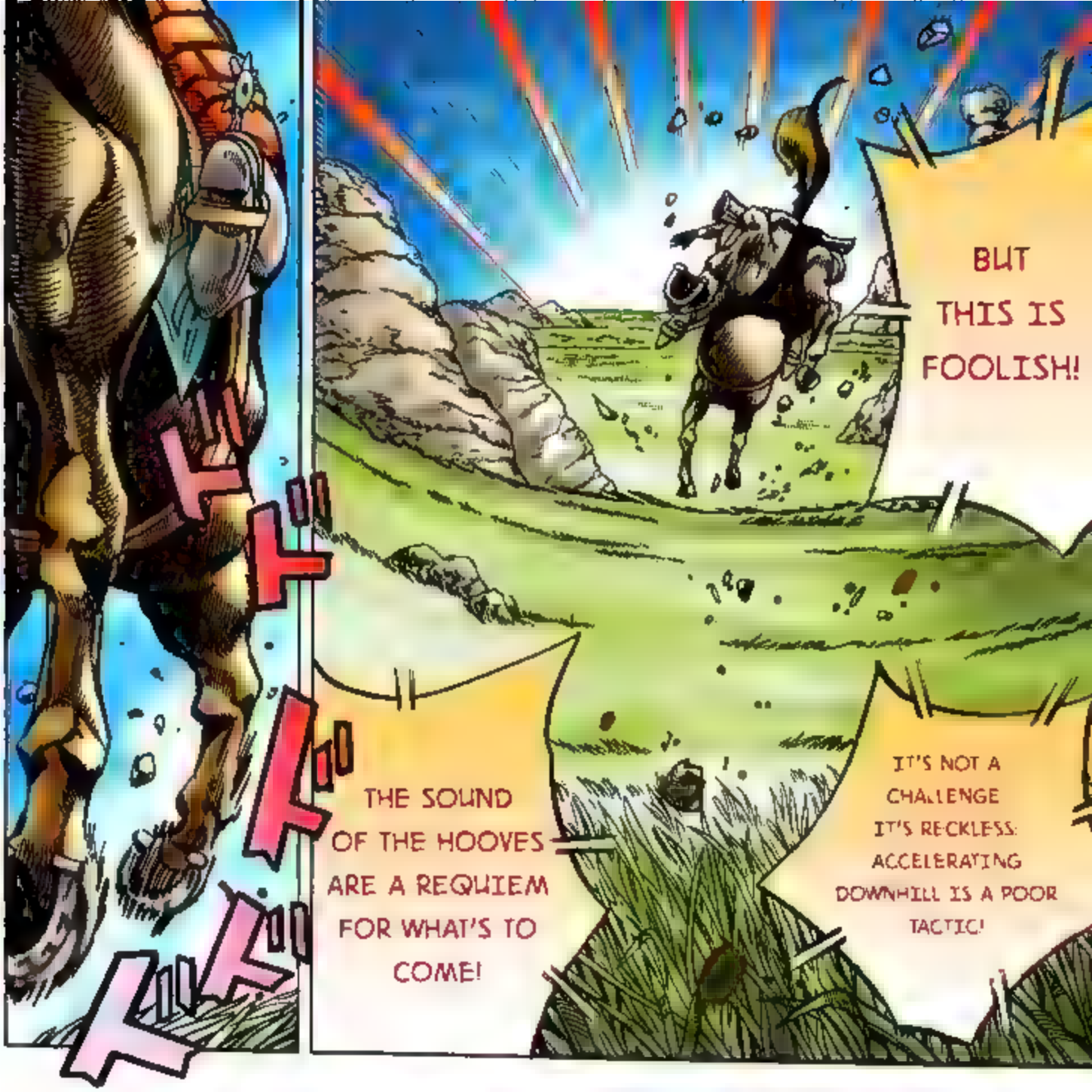
DON'T WORRY! DON'T GET PULLED IN BY HIM! GETTING PULLED IN BY SOME SUPERFICIAL CHOICE WILL LEAD US TO HELL'S STAIRCASE!
STEADY!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
STEADY!
GYRO'S HOLDING BACK!
GYRO'S HOLDING BACK!
15 HORSE LENGTHS! 10 HORSE LENGTHS!
HE'S PULLING CLOSER TO POCO-LOCO!
GYRO IS CATCHING UP!
THEY'RE FLYING
OTHER RACERS FROM THE BACK HAVE ALSO JOINED AND ARE ACCELERATING AS WELL!


BUT THIS IS FOOLISH!
IT'S NOT A CHALLENGE IT'S RECKLESS. ACCELERATING DOWNHILL IS A POOR TACTIC!
THE SOUND OF THE HOOVES ARE A REQUIEM FOR WHAT'S TO COME!
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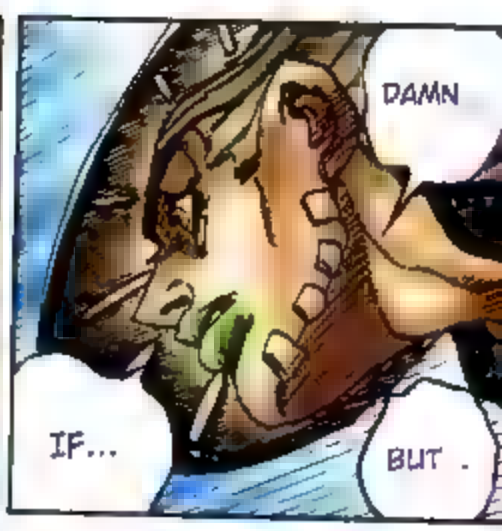
LIKE, IN THE FOREST, WHEN HE CONCIOUSLY FELL OFF TO GET PULLED UP BY HIS HORSE THROUGH THE TREES!
LET'S SAY HE... HE HAD SOME KIND OF SRATEGY AND HE'S FLYING THROUGH THE DOWNHILL FOR SOME REASON...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IF...
BUT .

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IF YOU DON'T TAKE THIS DOWNHILL SERIOUSLY, YOU WILL DEFINITELY WIND UP DEAD!
TWO RIDERS HAVE FALLEN OFF! THINGS HAVE COME TO A HEAD!
THEY FELL OFF!
WHOA!
AGH!

FELL!
IT'S ALL COMING TO A HEAD!
POCOLOCO
POCOLOCO TRIPPED!
WE ARE LUCKY!
IT'S OK, JUST KEEP GOING!
WHAT?!
IT'S SAFE! G...

HUH?
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HE FELL!
HE FELL!
POCOLOCO WAS IMPRUDENT!
GYRO IS IN FIRST PLACE! GYRO IS IN THE LEAD!
POCOLOCO IS DOWN! POCOLOCO IS DOWN!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, GYRO IS IN THE LEAD AND HEADED TOWARDS THE FARM!
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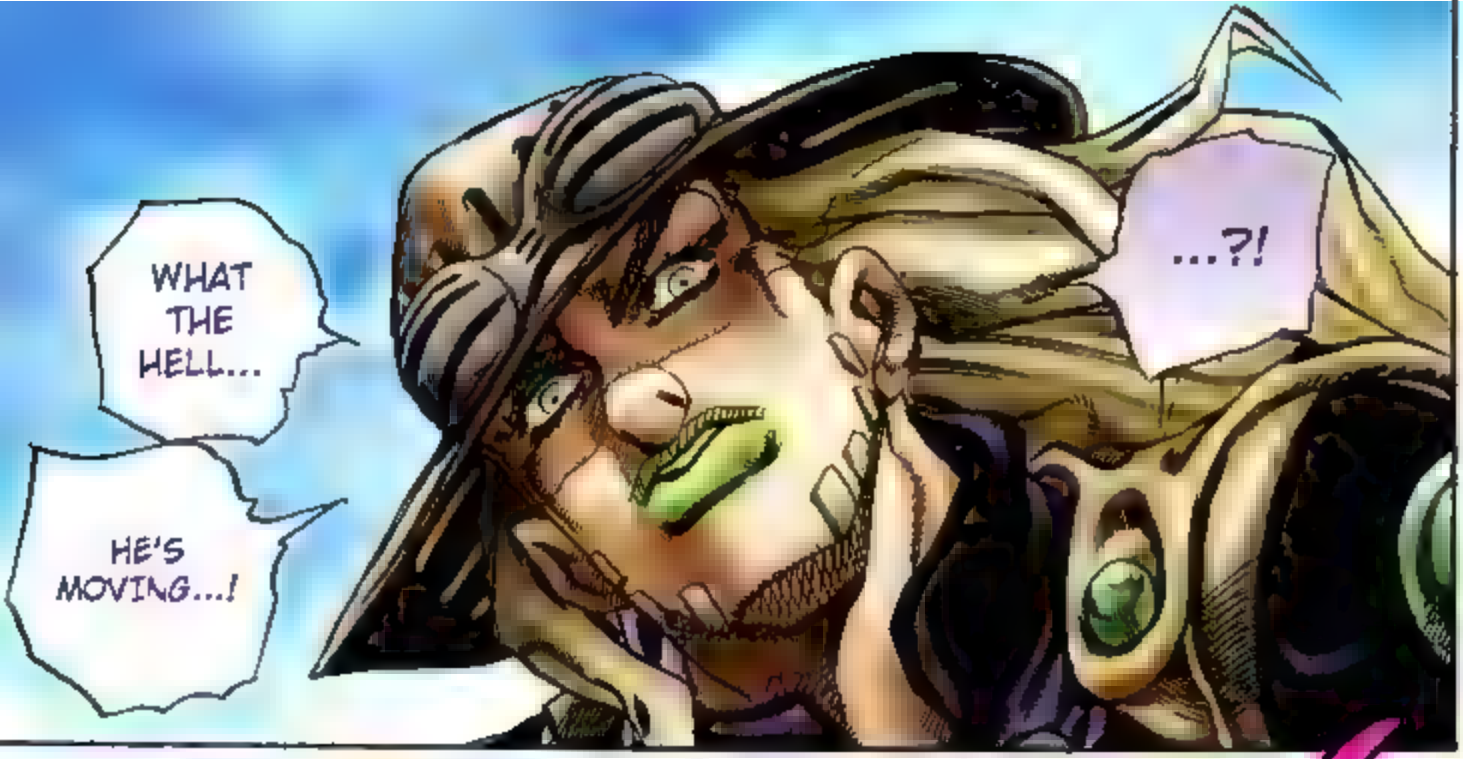
WHAT THE HELL...
HE'S MOVING...!
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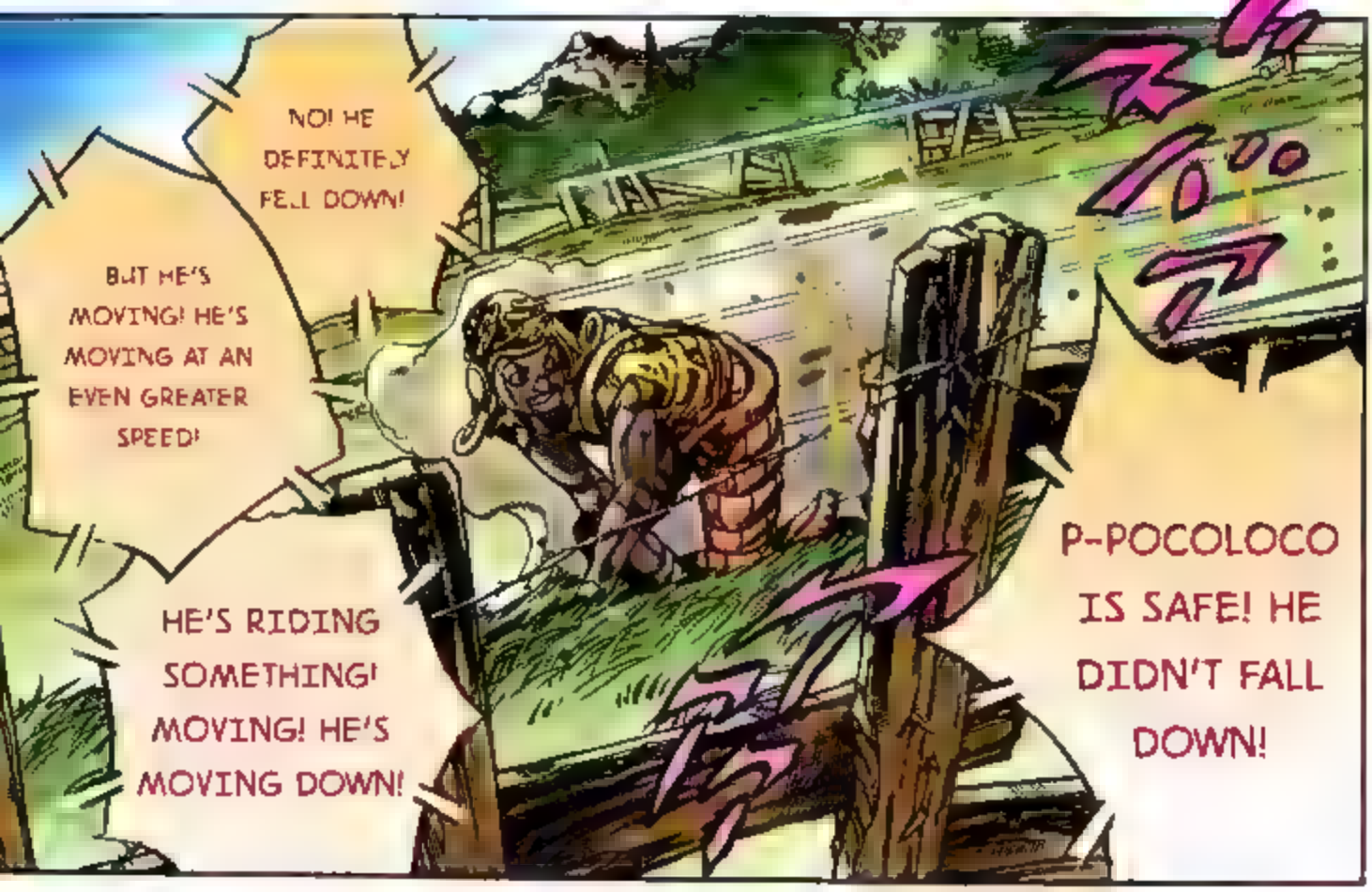
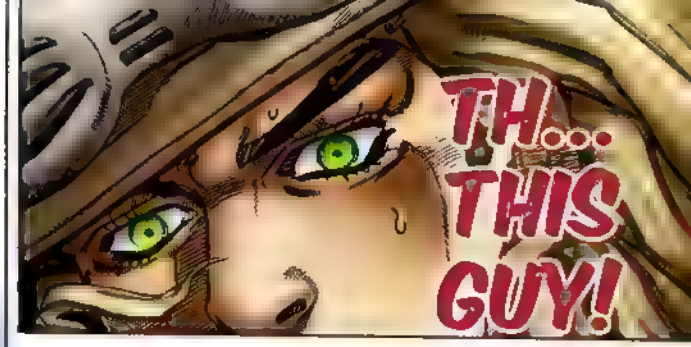
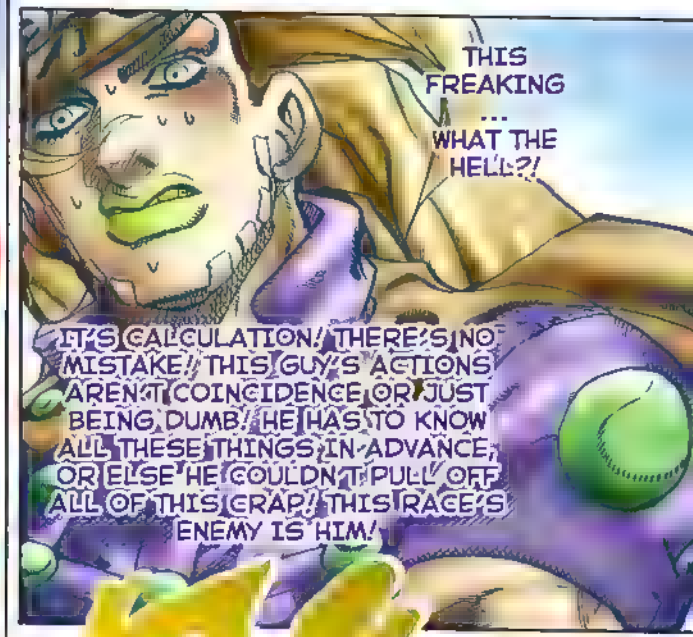

NO! HE DEFINITELY FELL DOWN!
BUT HE'S MOVING! HE'S MOVING AT AN EVEN GREATER SPEED!
HE'S RIDING SOMETHING! MOVING! HE'S MOVING DOWN!
P-POCOLOCO IS SAFE! HE DIDN'T FALL DOWN!

DEAD BODY!!
POCOLOCO IS SLIDING DOWN A DEAD BODY!
SOMEHOW, A COW'S BODY WAS HIDDEN IN THE GRASS!


TH... THIS GUY!


THIS FREAKING ... WHAT THE HELL?!
IT'S CALCULATION! THERE'S NO MISTAKE! THIS GUY'S ACTIONS AREN'T COINCIDENCE OR JUST BEING DUMB! HE HAS TO KNOW ALL THESE THINGS IN ADVANCE, OR ELSE HE COULDN'T PULL OFF ALL OF THIS CRAP! THIS RACE'S ENEMY IS HIM!

HE'S A FEARSOME ENEMY!

SHIT!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! HIS HORSE ISN'T EVEN RUNNING! IT'S DOING NOTHING BUT RESTING!
ONCE WE CROSS THE FARM WE'LL REACH THE FINAL STRETCH AND HIS HORSE WILL HAVE RESTED ITS LEGS COMPLETELY!
THERE WAS A DEAD COW'S BODY IN THE GRASS!
WONDERFUL! YEEEEEEE HAAAAW!
THIS IS NO HALLUCINATION! IT'S MY GOOD LUCK! I WAS DAMN SURPRISED!

I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE RULEBOOK SAYS EXACTLY...
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I CAN'T LET YOU RIDE A 'DEAD COW'S' BODY!
BUT I'M SURE THIS IS A RACE WHERE YOU RIDE HORSES!

LET'S HAVE THAT ROCK STOP THE COW'S SLIDING!

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WHAT?!

SANDMAN! SANDMAN! HIS NAME IS SANDMAN ACCORDING TO THE REGISTRATION!
THIS RACE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT! IT'S SO EXCITING! SANDMAN IS IN FIRST PLACE AS WE HEAD DOWN THE FINAL STRETCH!
HE BROKE IN SO SUDDENLY! FAST! FAST!
WHICH ROUTE DID HE TAKE?!
WHO IS HE? THAT PERSON!! RUNNING! HE'S RUNNING DOWN THE HILL WITH HIS OWN LEGS!
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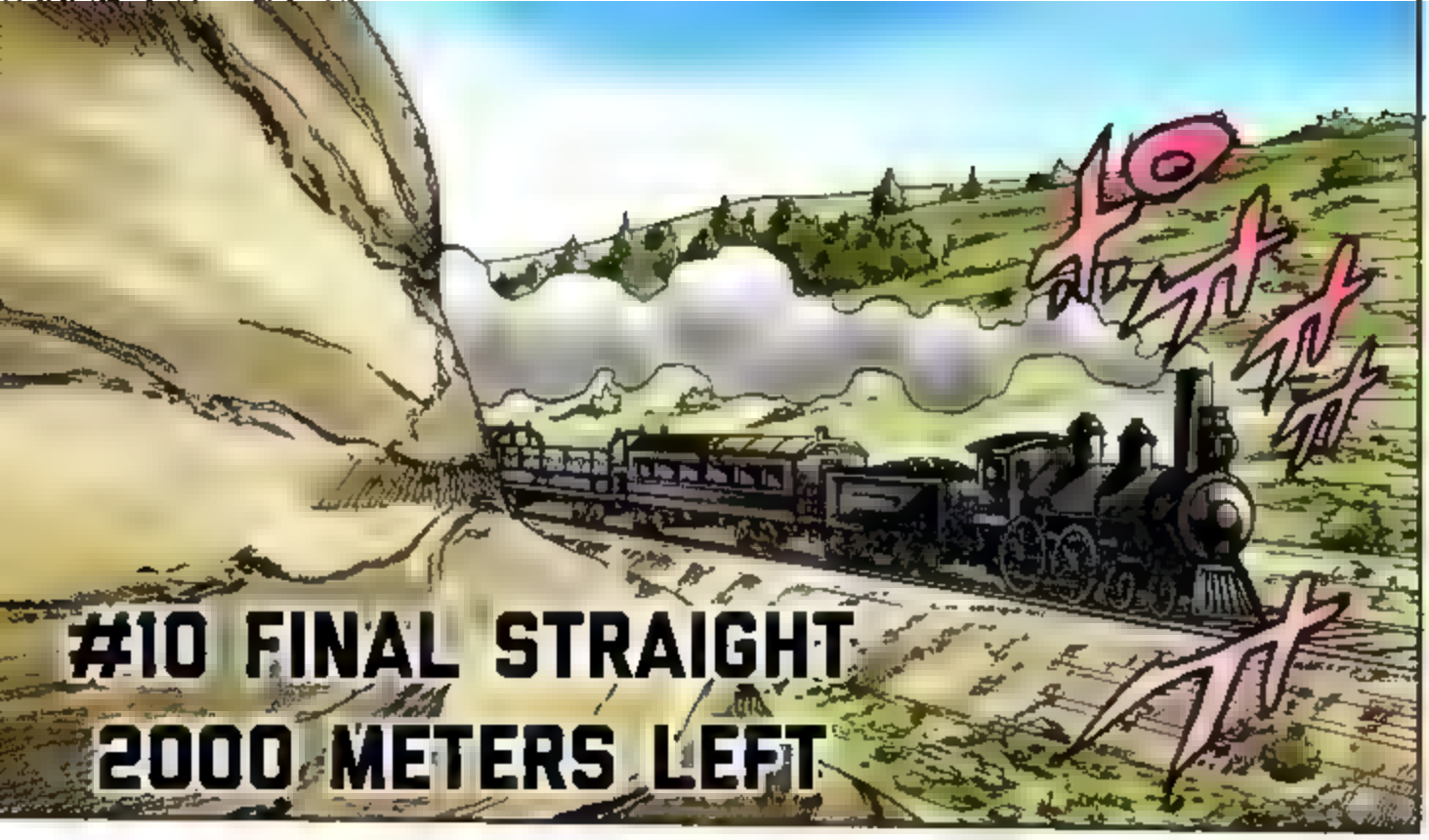
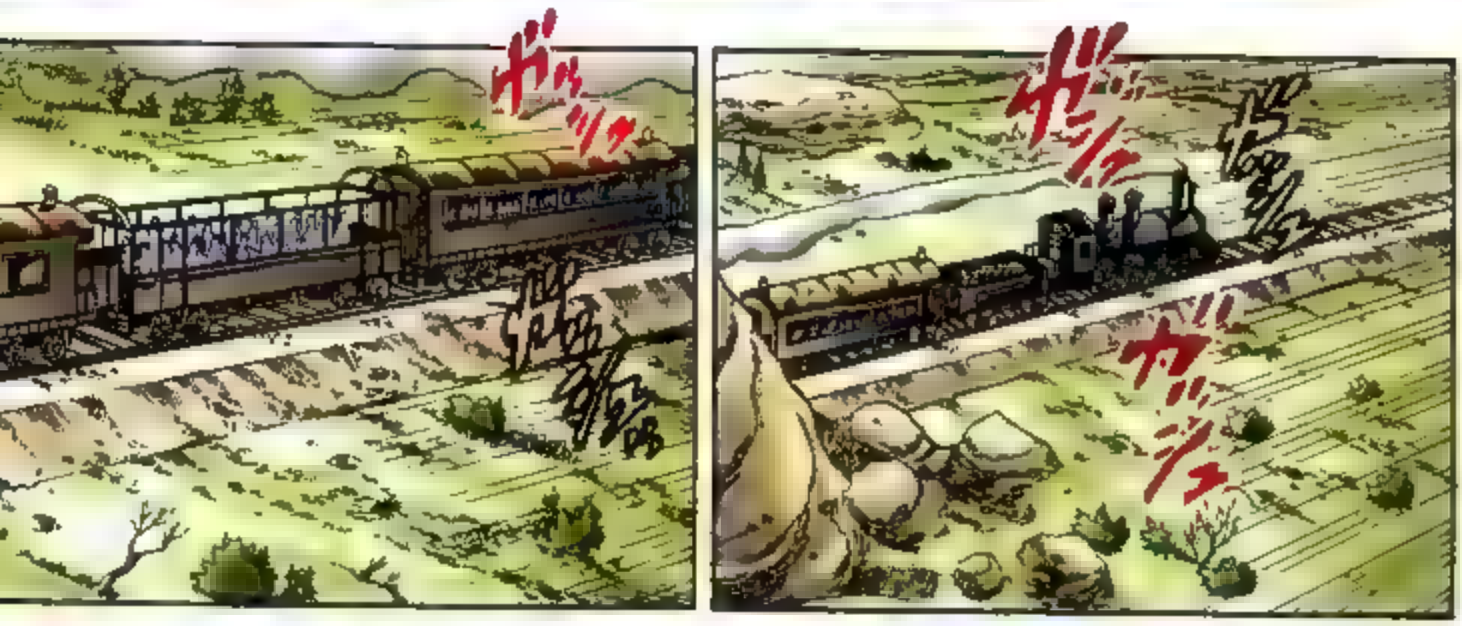
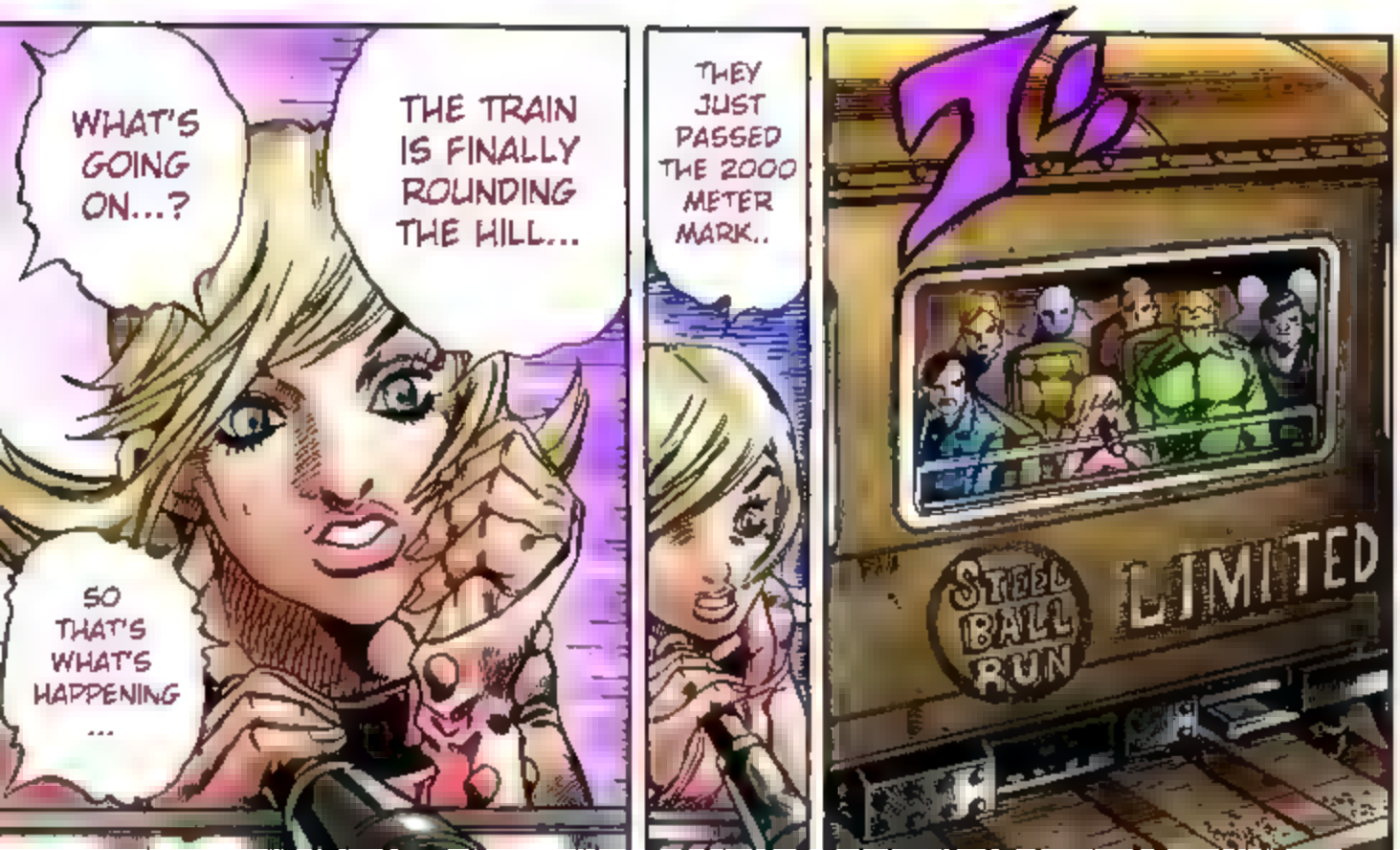
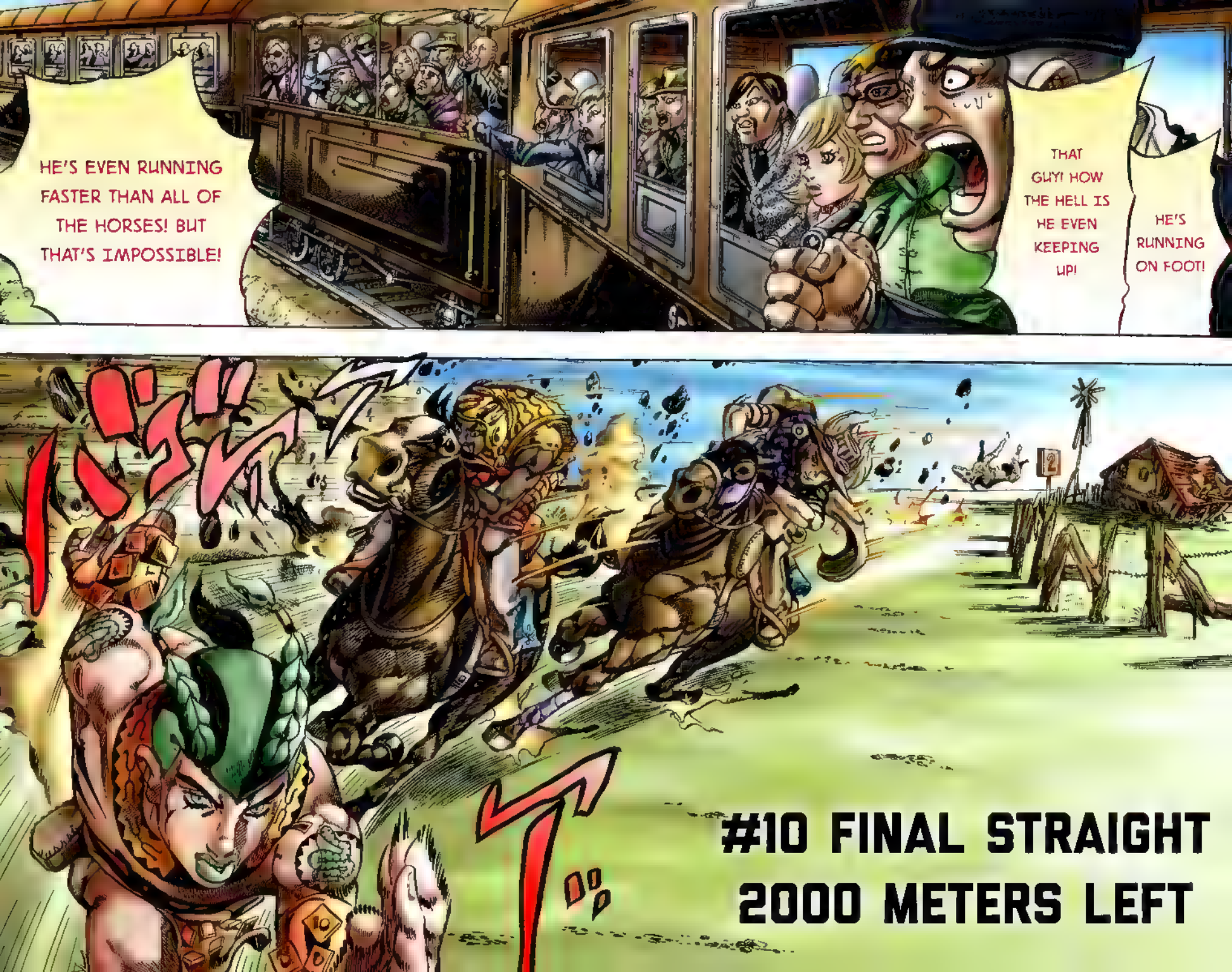
SHIT, THE ROCK FELL DOWN TOO LATE!
W... WHO'S THAT?!
WHY IS THERE SOMEBODY ON THE TRACK?


#10 FINAL STRAIGHT
2000 METERS LEFT




WHAT'S GOING ON...?
THE TRAIN IS FINALLY ROUNDING THE HILL...
SO THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ...
THEY JUST PASSED THE 2000 METER MARK..
STEEL BALL RUN
LIMITED


HE'S EVEN RUNNING FASTER THAN ALL OF THE HORSES! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT GUY! HOW THE HELL IS HE EVEN KEEPING UP!
HE'S RUNNING ON FOOT!
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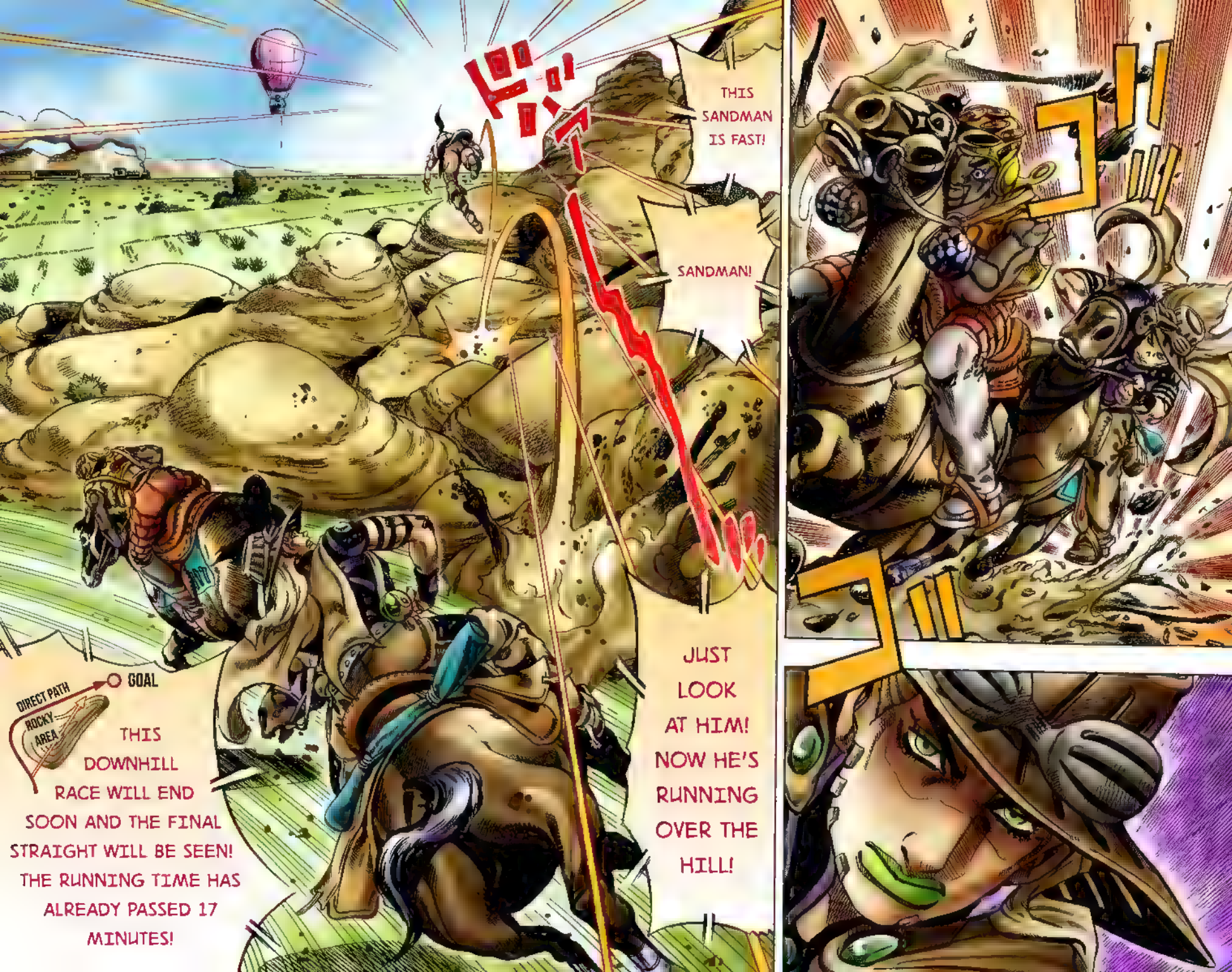
#10 FINAL STRAIGHT
2000 METERS LEFT


THIS SANDMAN IS FAST!
SANDMAN!
JUST LOOK AT HIM! NOW HE'S RUNNING OVER THE HILL!
GOAL
DIRECT PATH
ROCKY AREA
THIS DOWNHILL RACE WILL END SOON AND THE FINAL STRAIGHT WILL BE SEEN! THE RUNNING TIME HAS ALREADY PASSED 17 MINUTES!

RUNNING A LONG DISTANCE MARATHON IN 2 HOURS IS ONLY 21 KILOMETERS AN HOUR!
THE WORLD RECORD ISN'T EVEN CLOSE TO THAT!
SAND MAN'S SPEED?!
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? RUNNING 100 METERS IN 10 SECONDS IS 36 KILOMETERS AN HOUR!
NO IT MIGHT BE CLOSER TO 40 KILOMETERS PER HOUR...
40... IS THAT EVEN...
HANG ON THERE JUST A SECOND, MR. STEEL,
30...?
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT RATIONALLY ...
YES, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
BUT IT MAKES SENSE WHEN YOU SEE IT. HE'S GOING OVER 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR!
A HUMAN RUNNING FASTER THAN A HORSE...
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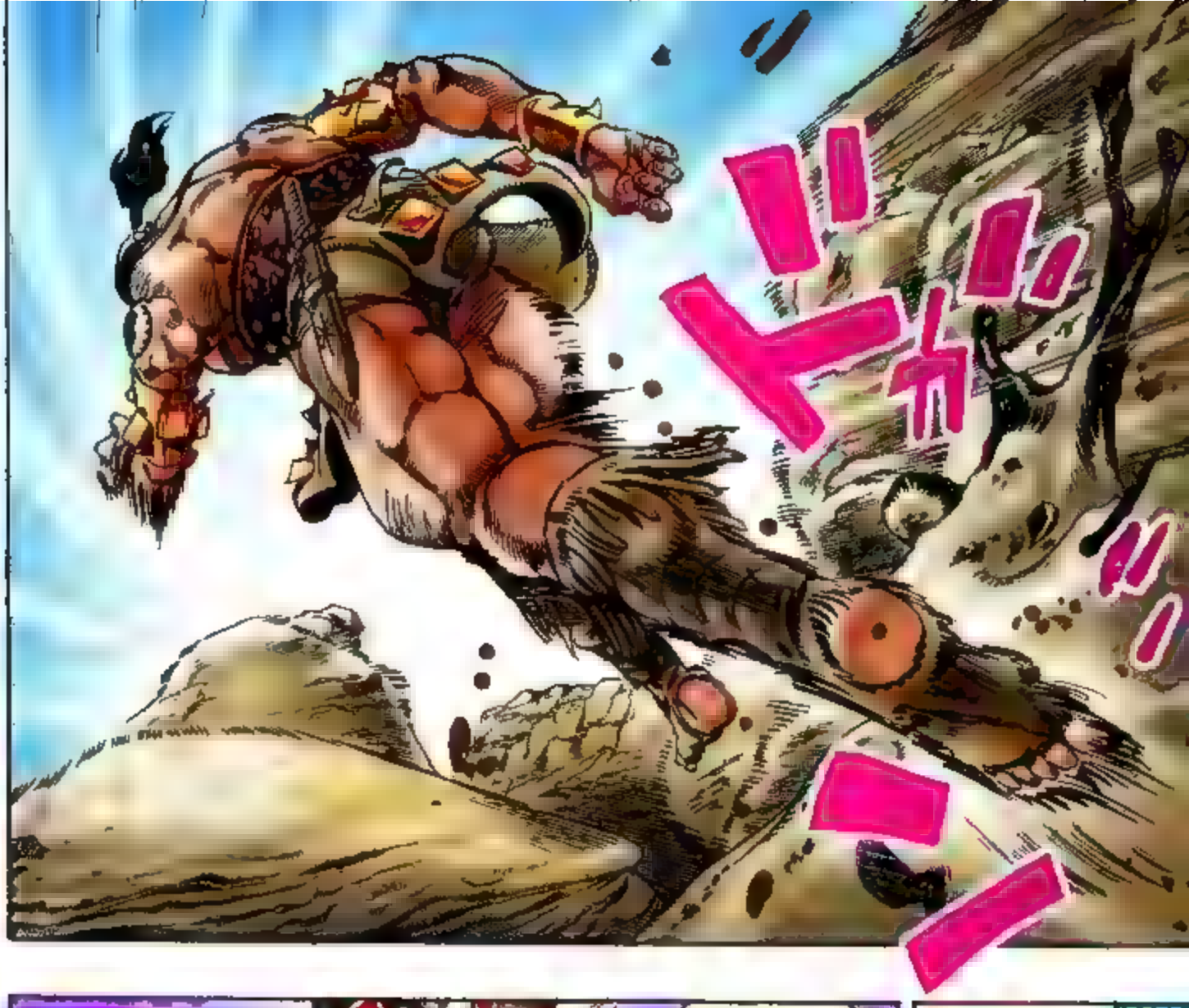
IT MAKES SENSE ! LOOK AT HOW HE IS RUNNING OVER THOSE CLIFFS!
HE REALLY IS RUNNING FASTER THAN ALL THESE HORSES!
AND THE SECRET IS IN HIS RUNNING STYLE...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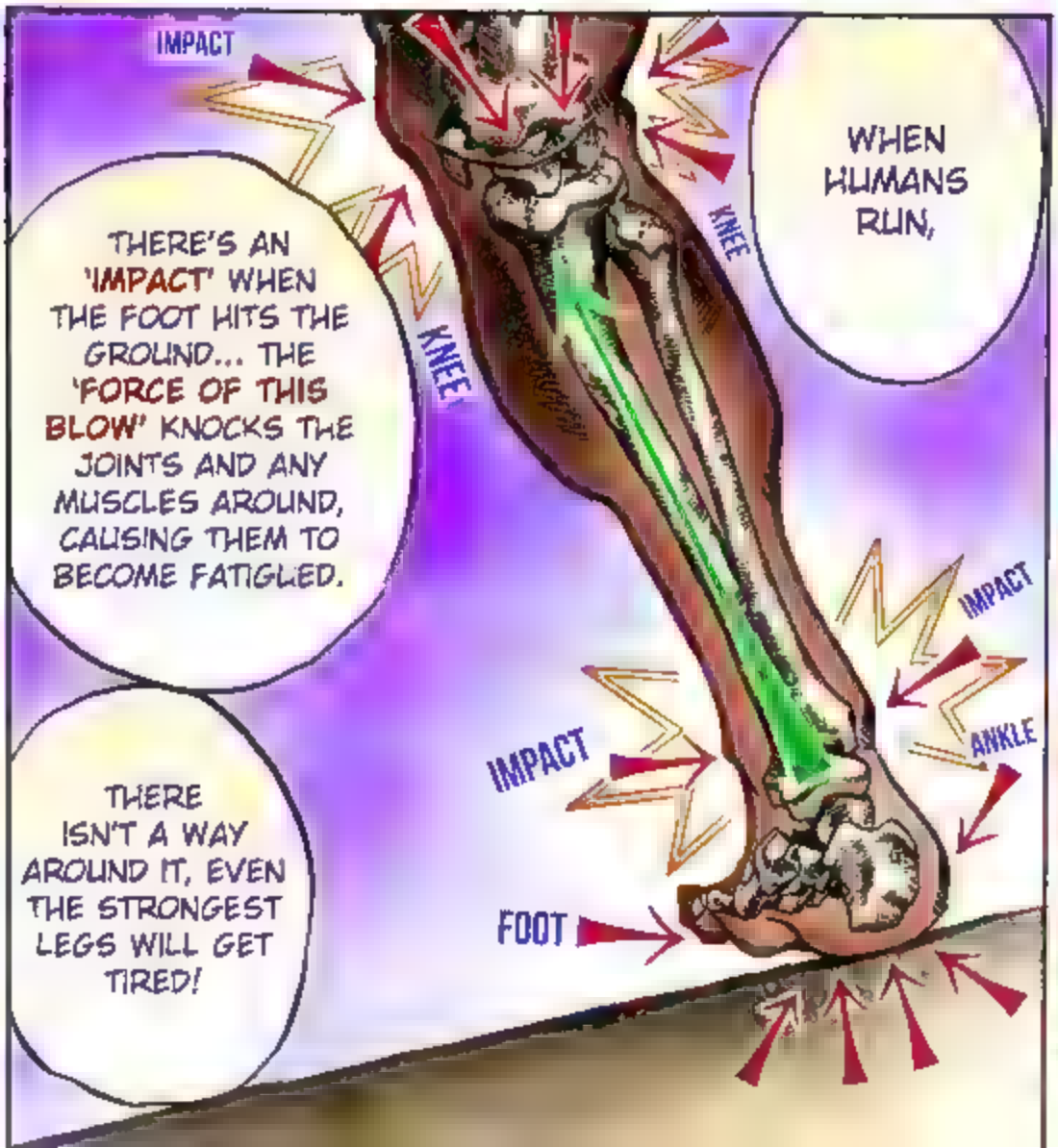
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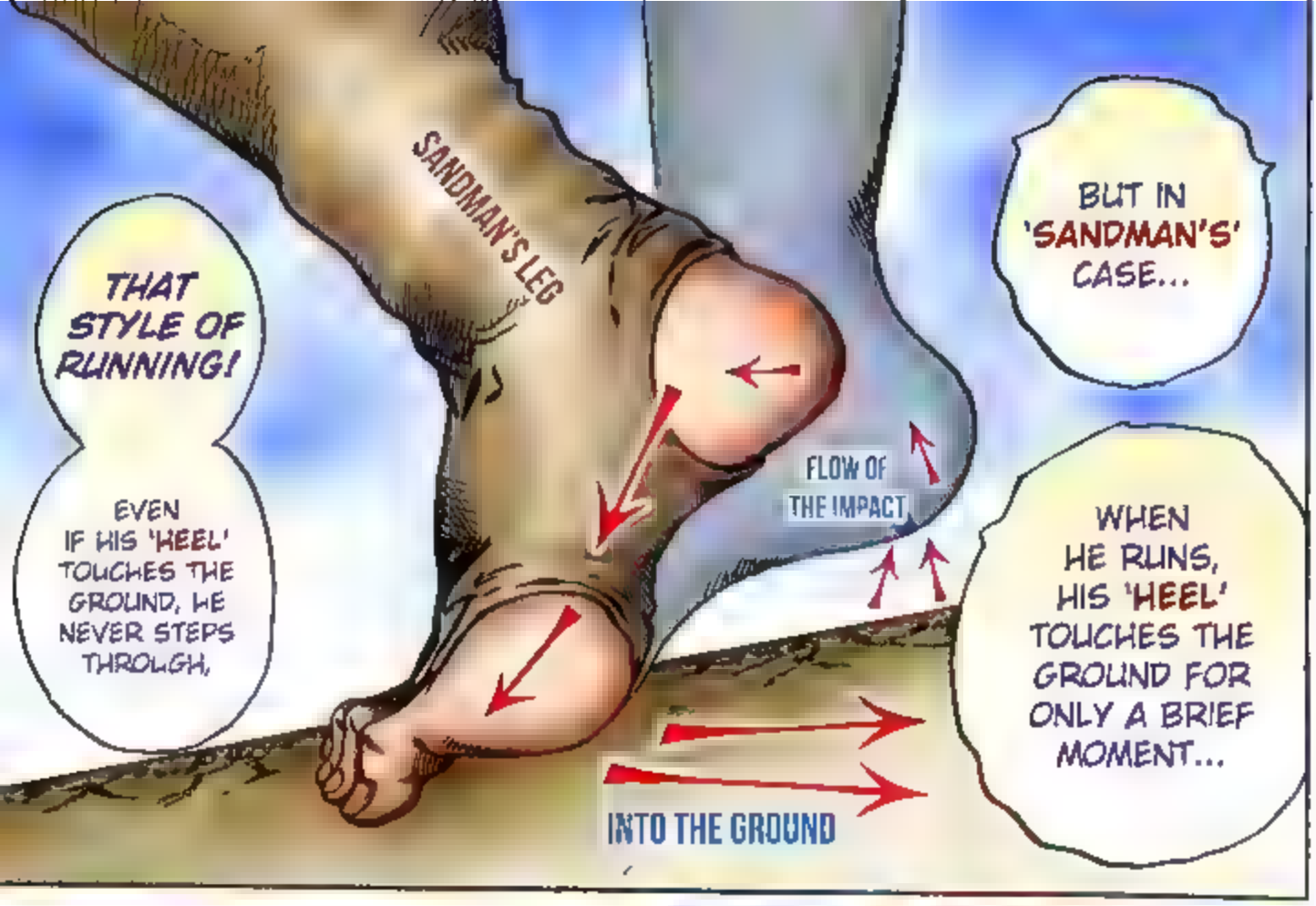
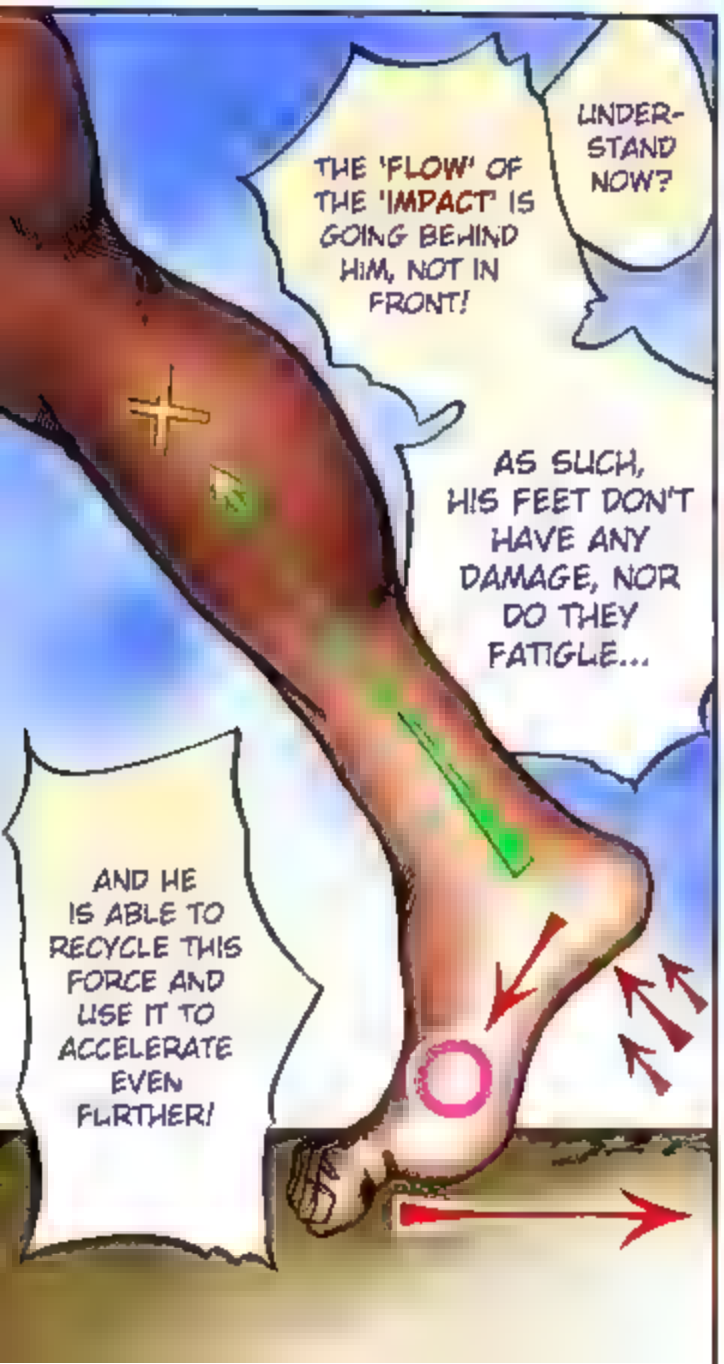
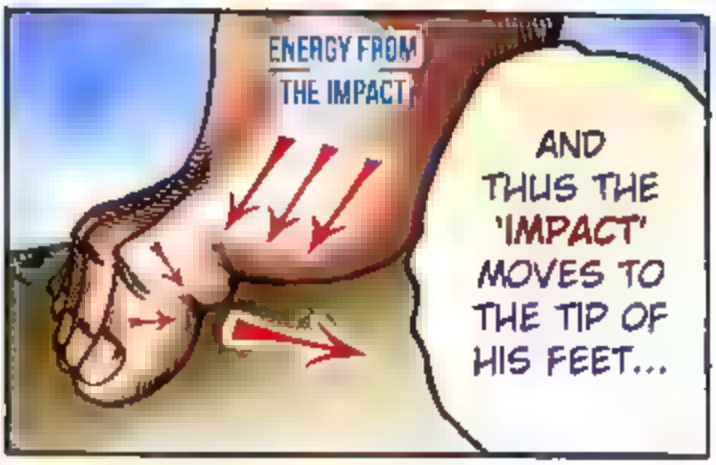
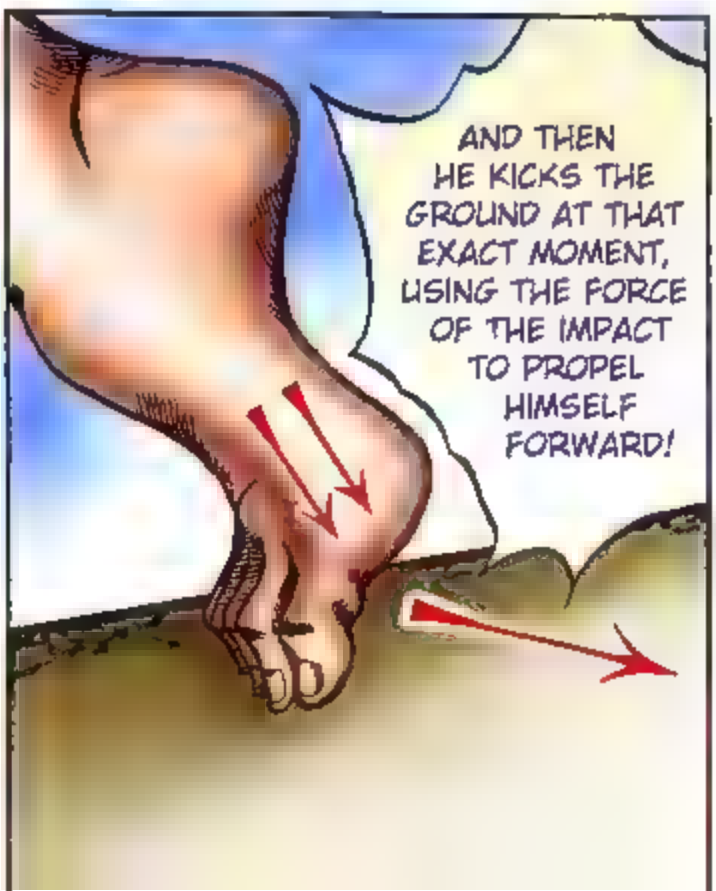
WHEN HUMANS RUN,
THERE'S AN 'IMPACT' WHEN THE FOOT HITS THE GROUND... THE 'FORCE OF THIS BLOW' KNOCKS THE JOINTS AND ANY MUSCLES AROUND, CAUSING THEM TO BECOME FATIGUED.
THERE ISN'T A WAY AROUND IT, EVEN THE STRONGEST LEGS WILL GET TIRED!

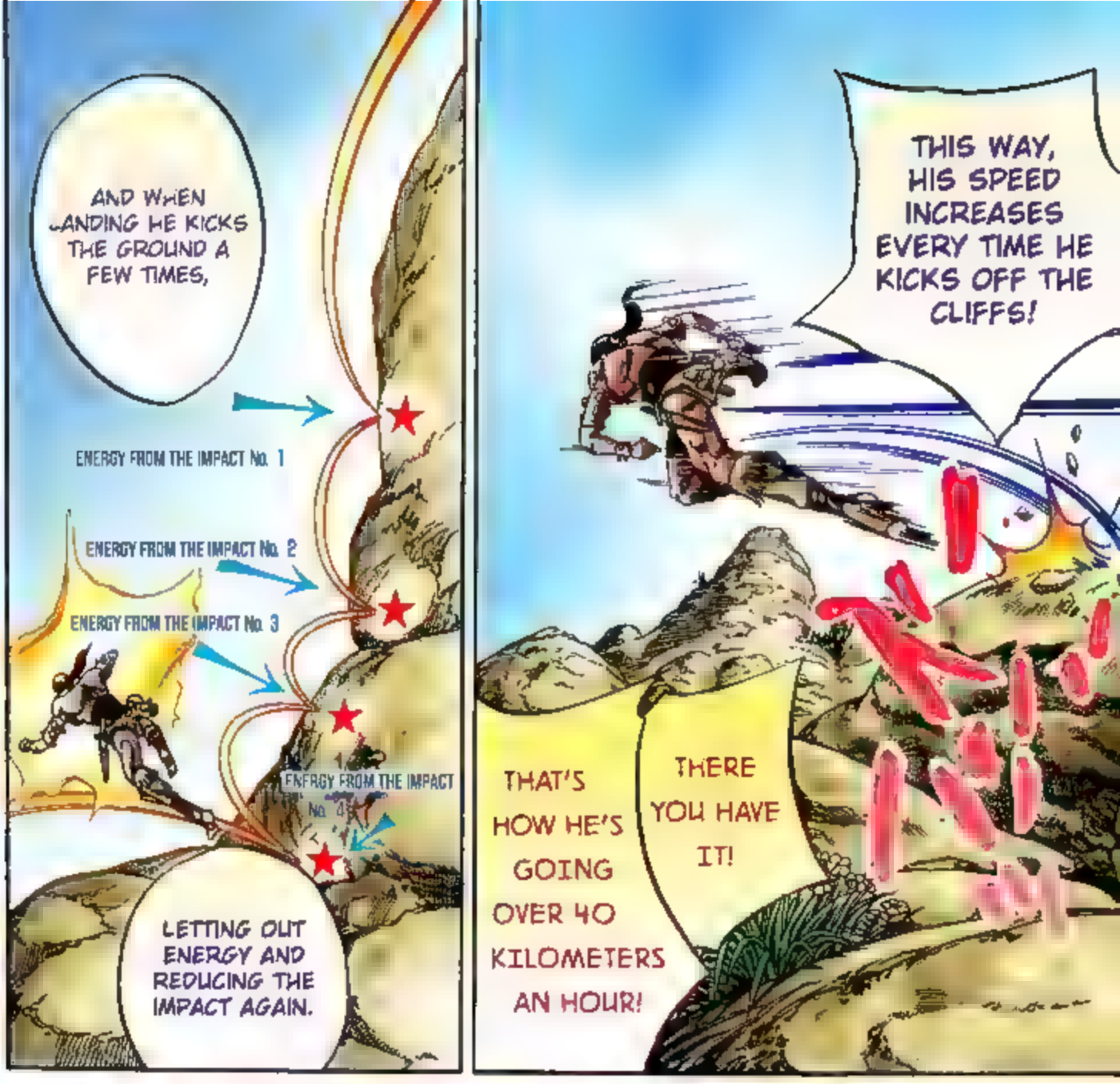
I WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW THERE IS A WAY TO RUN AND ACHIEVE SPEEDS OF 40 KILOMETERS AN HOUR...

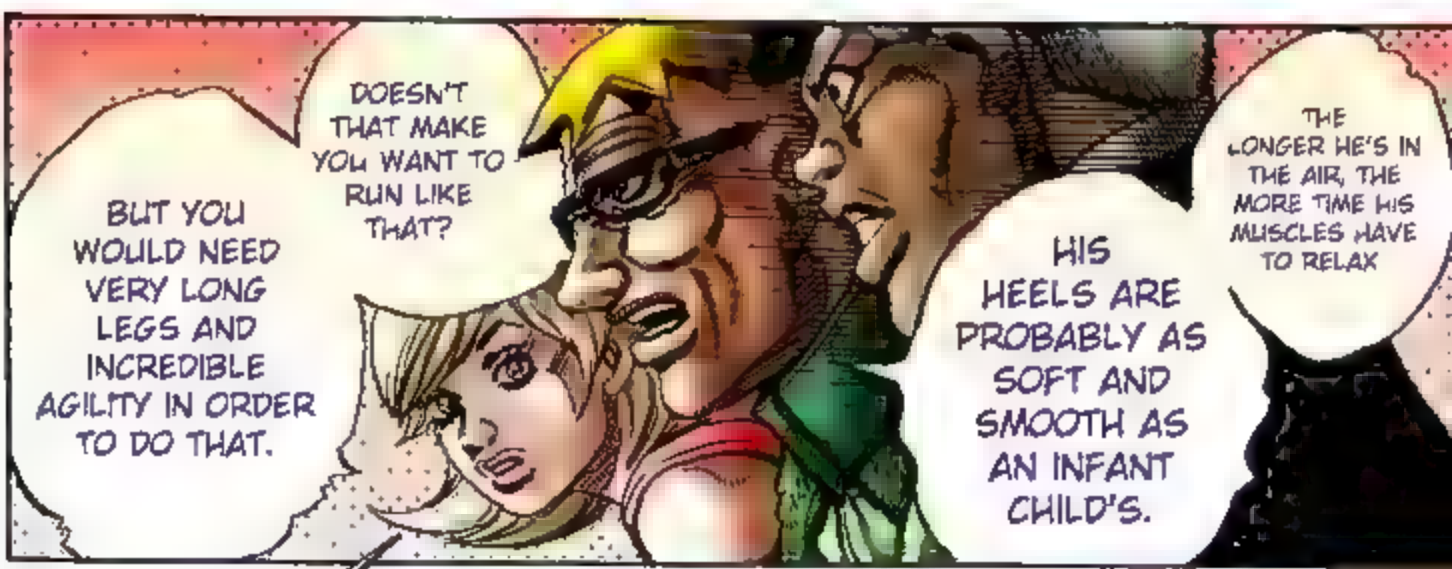

SANDMAN'S LEG
THAT STYLE OF RUNNING!
EVEN IF HIS 'HEEL' TOUCHES THE GROUND, HE NEVER STEPS THROUGH.
FLOW OF THE IMPACT
INTO THE GROUND
BUT IN 'SANDMAN'S' CASE...
WHEN HE RUNS, HIS 'HEEL' TOUCHES THE GROUND FOR ONLY A BRIEF MOMENT...


THE 'FLOW' OF THE 'IMPACT' IS GOING BEHIND HIM, NOT IN FRONT!
UNDER-STAND NOW?
AS SUCH, HIS FEET DON'T HAVE ANY DAMAGE, NOR DO THEY FATIGUE...
AND HE IS ABLE TO RECYCLE THIS FORCE AND USE IT TO ACCELERATE EVEN FURTHER!


ENERGY FROM THE IMPACT
AND THUS THE 'IMPACT' MOVES TO THE TIP OF HIS FEET...


AND THEN HE KICKS THE GROUND AT THAT EXACT MOMENT, USING THE FORCE OF THE IMPACT TO PROPEL HIMSELF FORWARD!


AND WHEN LANDING HE KICKS THE GROUND A FEW TIMES,
ENERGY FROM THE IMPACT No. 1
ENERGY FROM THE IMPACT No. 2
ENERGY FROM THE IMPACT No. 3
ENERGY FROM THE IMPACT No. 4
LETTING OUT ENERGY AND REDUCING THE IMPACT AGAIN.
THIS WAY, HIS SPEED INCREASES EVERY TIME HE KICKS OFF THE CLIFFS!
THERE YOU HAVE IT!
THAT'S HOW HE'S GOING OVER 40 KILOMETERS AN HOUR!

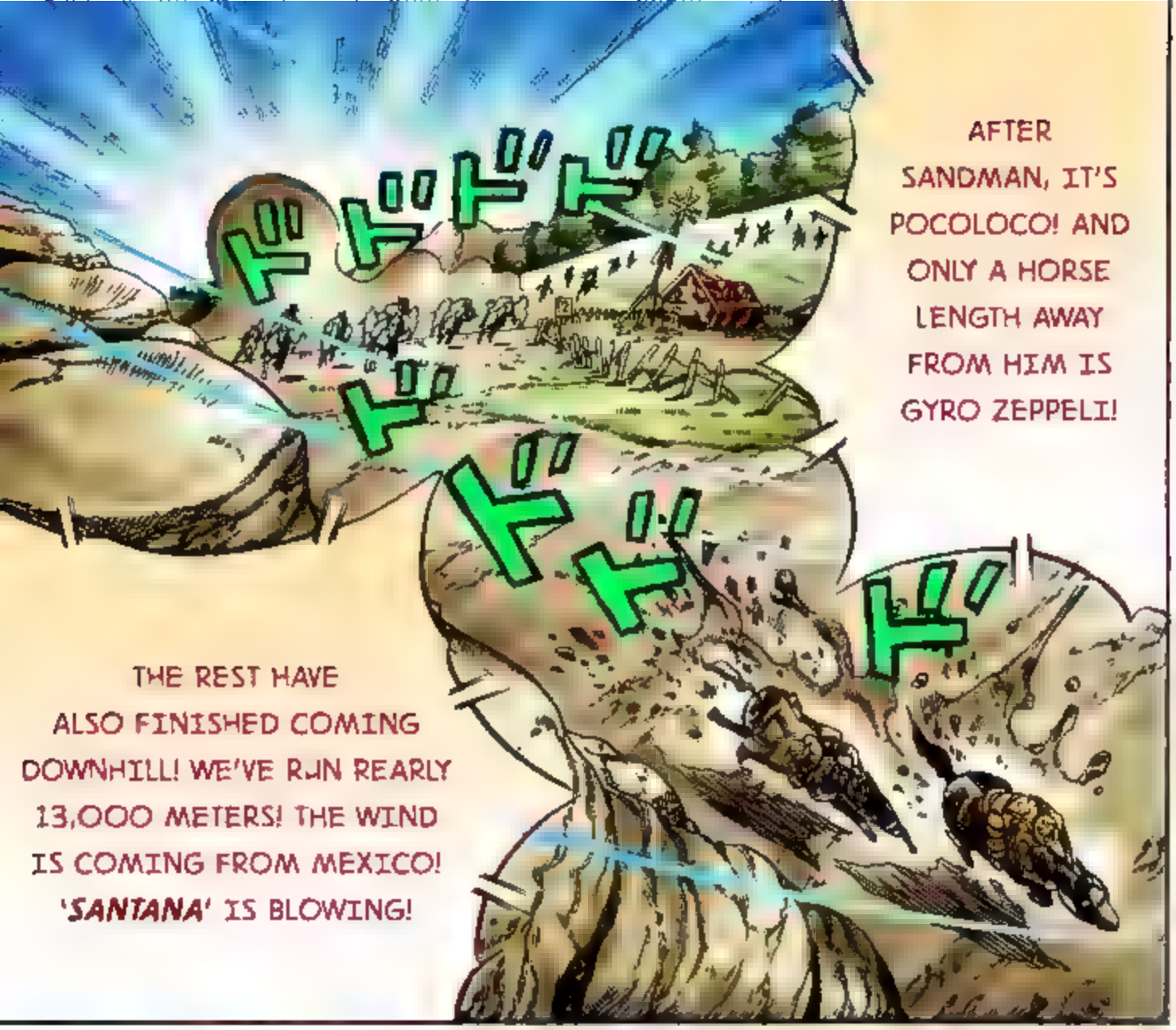

BUT YOU WOULD NEED VERY LONG LEGS AND INCREDIBLE AGILITY IN ORDER TO DO THAT.
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU WANT TO RUN LIKE THAT?
HIS HEELS ARE PROBABLY AS SOFT AND SMOOTH AS AN INFANT CHILD'S.
THE LONGER HE'S IN THE AIR, THE MORE TIME HIS MUSCLES HAVE TO RELAX

WHO KNOWS... HE PROBABLY LEARNED IT FROM HIS SURROUNDINGS...
WHERE DID HE LEARN IT?
THAT KIND OF RUNNING.

USING HIS HANDS, FEET, AND ALL THE MUSCLES IN HIS BODY, HE'S JUST LIKE A COUGAR
HE DOESN'T PUT ANY FORCE INTO HIS FEET AND HE'S MUCH FASTER HERE ON THE ROCKS
AND NOW HE'S CLIMBING UP THE ROCKS!

SO LONG AS STEEL BALL RUN USES LAND AS ITS STAGE, WE CAN'T PREDICT THE OUTCOME EVEN IF SWIFT HORSES ARE HIS ENEMY!

SANDMAN'S STYLE PUTS THE ENTIRE EARTH ON HIS SIDE!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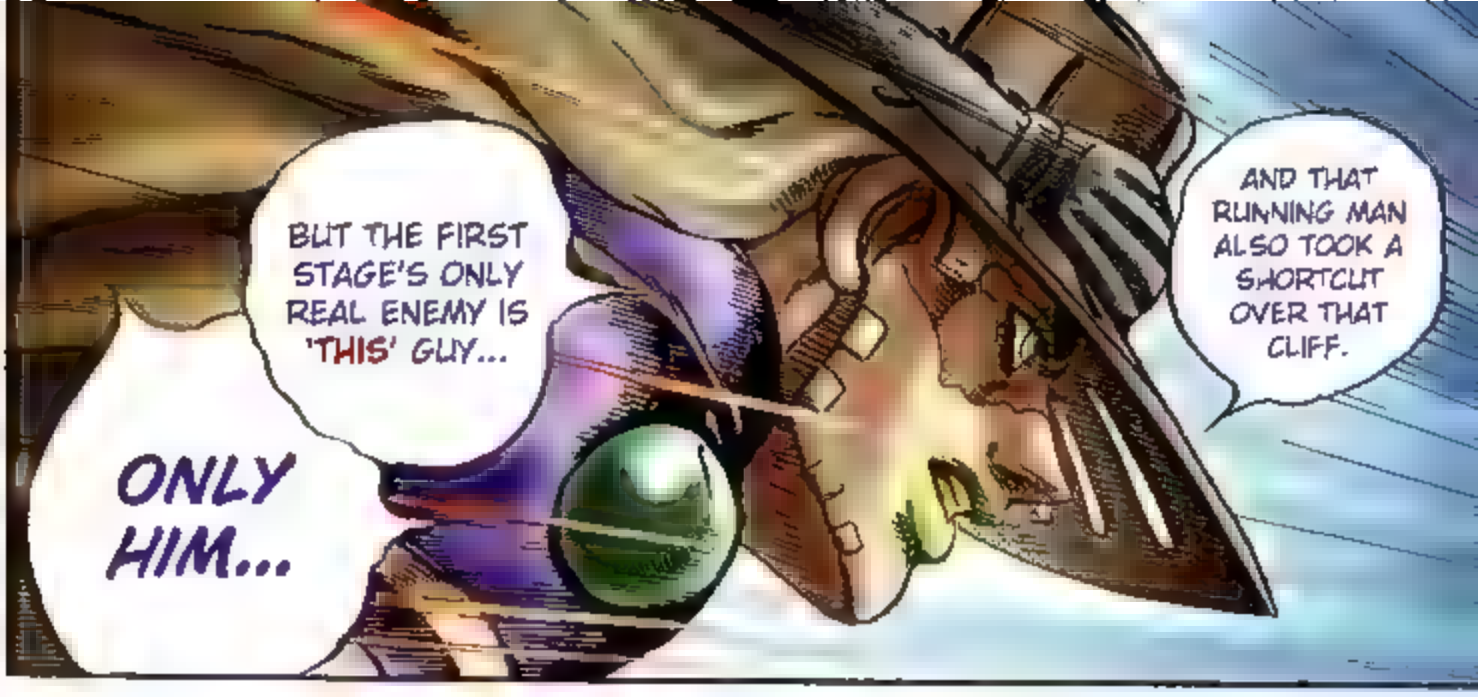
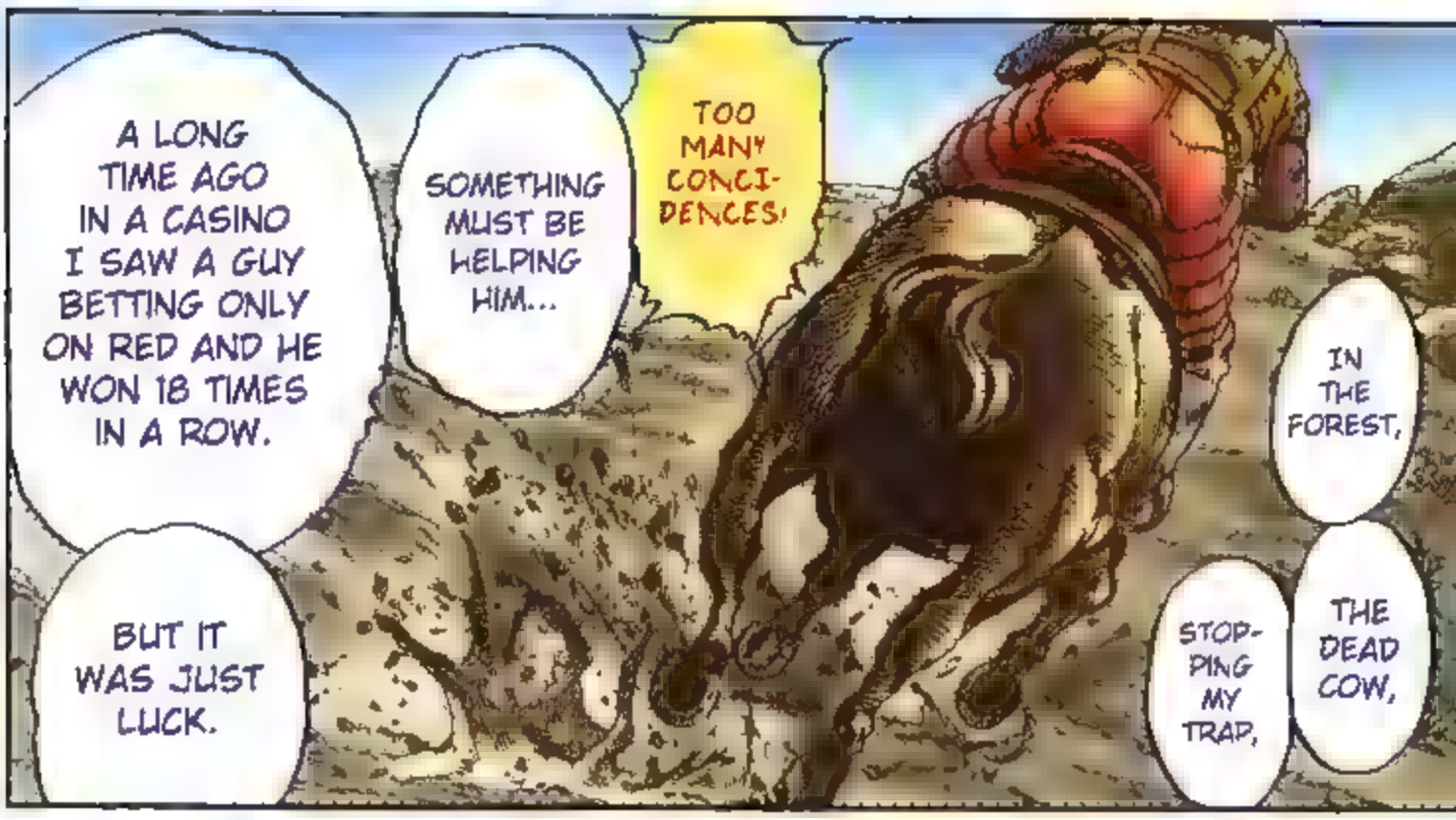
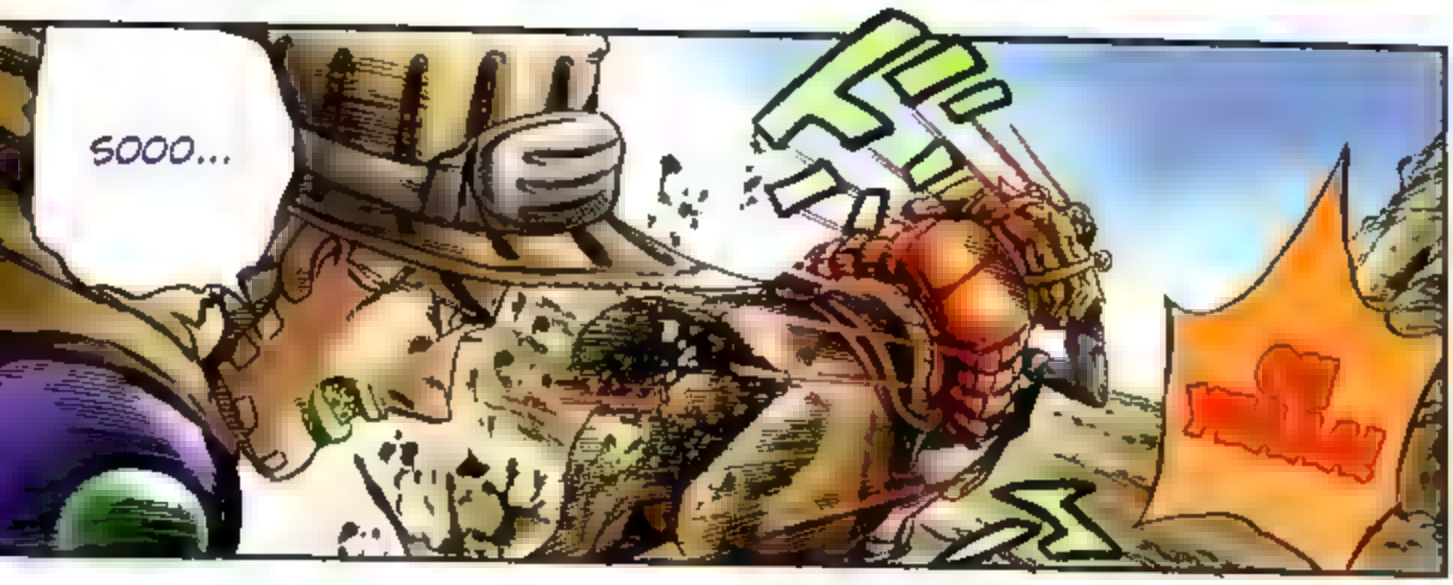

ONLY HIM...
BUT THE FIRST STAGE'S ONLY REAL ENEMY IS 'THIS' GUY...
AND THAT RUNNING MAN ALSO TOOK A SHORTCUT OVER THAT CLIFF.


A LONG TIME AGO IN A CASINO I SAW A GUY BETTING ONLY ON RED AND HE WON 18 TIMES IN A ROW.
BUT IT WAS JUST LUCK.
SOMETHING MUST BE HELPING HIM...
TOO MANY CONCI-DENCES!
IN THE FOREST,
THE DEAD COW,
STOP-PING MY TRAP,

HEY, POCO-LOCO!
YEA?

HOW CAN I CHANGE IT SO HIS INCREDIBLE 'FLOW OF LUCK' CHANGES SO HE RUNS HIMSELF OVER INSTEAD.
SOME KIND OF 'POWER' HAS TO BE 'PROTECTING' THIS GUY!
WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THIS.

ALL RIGHT! SO GO AHEAD, DO ANY~ THING YOU WANT!
I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM EVERYTHING THERE IS
KEEP ON RUSHING FORWARD!! AFTER ALL, THERE'S NOTHING BUT LUCK INSIDE YOUR BAG!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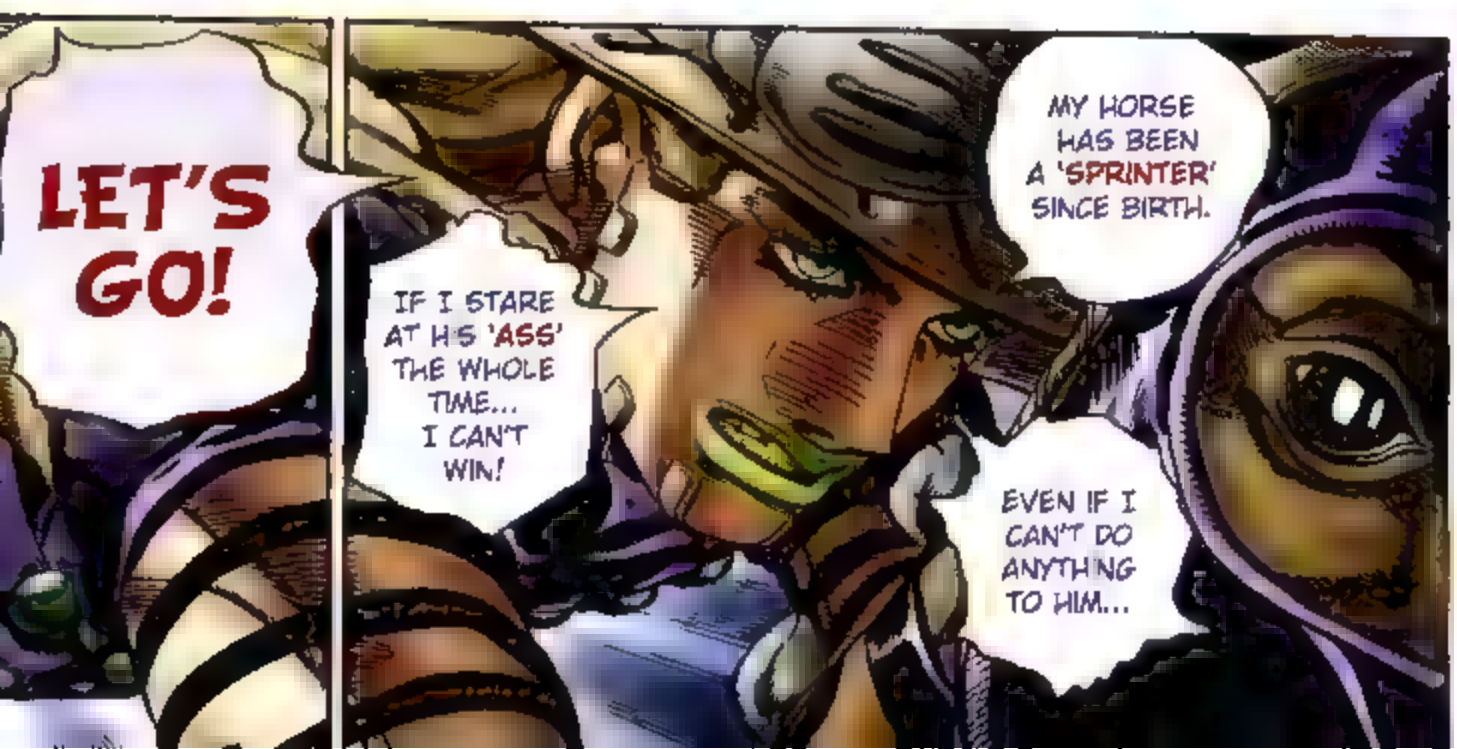
LET'S GO!
IF I STARE AT HIS 'ASS' THE WHOLE TIME... I CAN'T WIN!
MY HORSE HAS BEEN A 'SPRINTER' SINCE BIRTH.
EVEN IF I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM...

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THE STRAIGHT THIS IS!?
AND THE STRAIGHT AWAY IS COMING UP!
BUT ISN'T THIS A LITTLE TOO SOON? IS IT ALRIGHT? THERE'S MORE THAN 1500 METERS LEFT!
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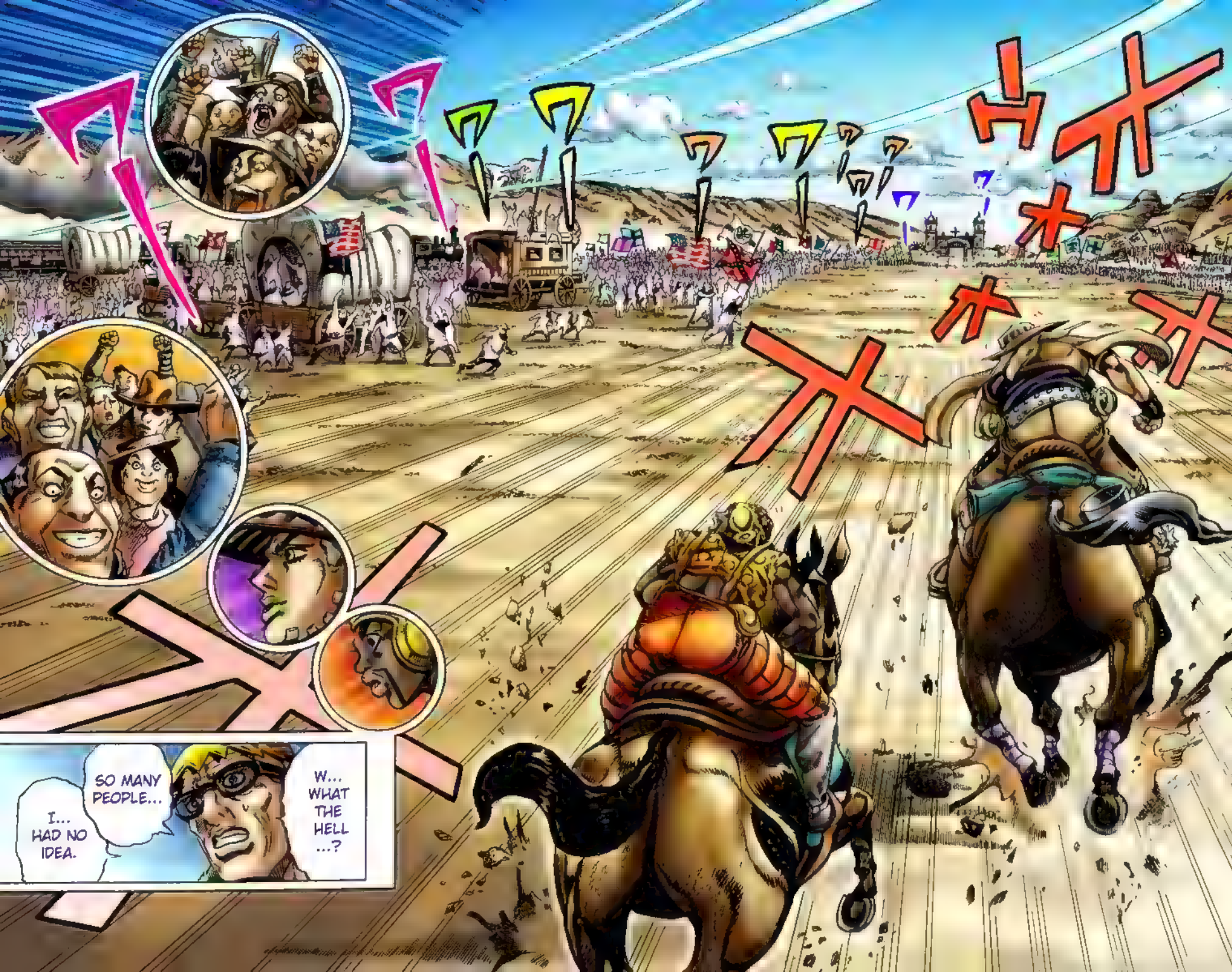
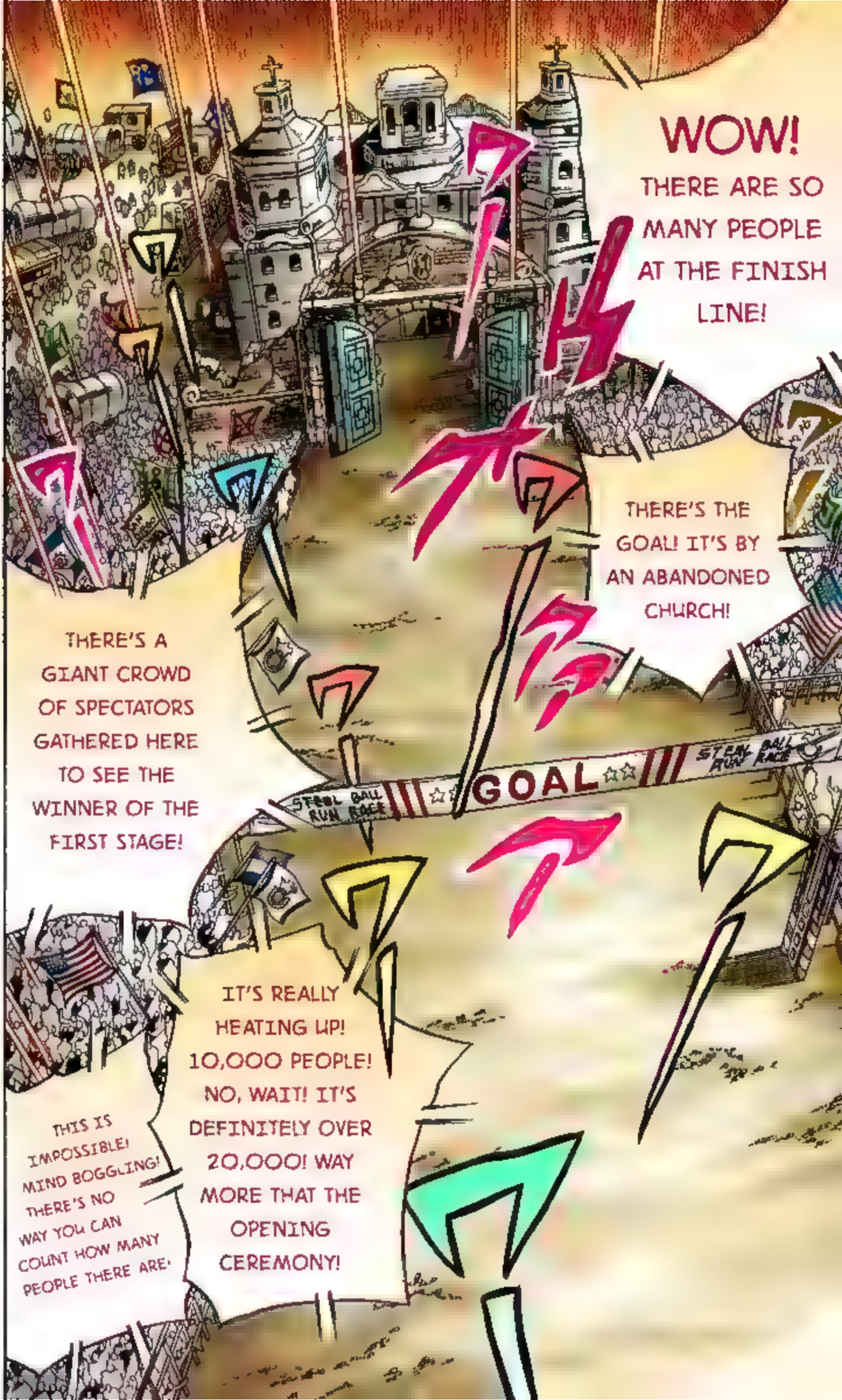
HE'S REALLY MOVING! ACCELER-ATING!
GYRO HAS PICKED UP THE PACE YET AGAIN!
HE'S GOING! HE'S JUMPED AHEAD!


W... WHAT THE HELL ...?
SO MANY PEOPLE...
I... HAD NO IDEA.


WOW!
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE AT THE FINISH LINE!
THERE'S THE GOAL! IT'S BY AN ABANDONED CHURCH!
THERE'S A GIANT CROWD OF SPECTATORS GATHERED HERE TO SEE THE WINNER OF THE FIRST STAGE!
GOAL
STEEL BALL RUN RACE
IT'S REALLY HEATING UP! 10,000 PEOPLE! NO, WAIT! IT'S DEFINITELY OVER 20,000! WAY MORE THAT THE OPENING CEREMONY!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! MIND BOGGLING! THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN COUNT HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE!

THE POSSIBIL-ITIES ARE ENDLESS! THIS IS WHAT THE STEEL BALL RUN IS ALL ABOUT!
D DID SOMEONE CALL THEM ALL?
UN UNBELIEV-ABLE! EVEN I
THE WINNER OF THIS RACE WILL BE A WORLD RENOWNED HERO!
HE WILL BE A HERO ..
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RDING ON THE ROUGH GROUND.
AND RUSHING DOWNHILL WITH NO ERRORS.
GOING ACROSS THAT FOREST.
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YOU... RAN WELL.
OLD HORSE ...
YOU'VE GAINED A LOT OF EXPERIENCE FROM THIS RACE.
AND DESPITE HOW MUCH YOU'VE BEEN 'SWEATING'...
YOU CAN STILL 'KEEP ON GOING'...!
YOUR LEGS ARE IN PERFECT SHAPE!

BUT HE DASHED AHEAD TOO EARLY! HE'LL BE TIRED! LET'S SURPRISE HIM... GYRO ZEPPELI!
WE'RE ONLY 40-50 HORSE LENGTHS AWAY!
YOUR BREATHING IS ALSO IN GOOD SPIRITS!
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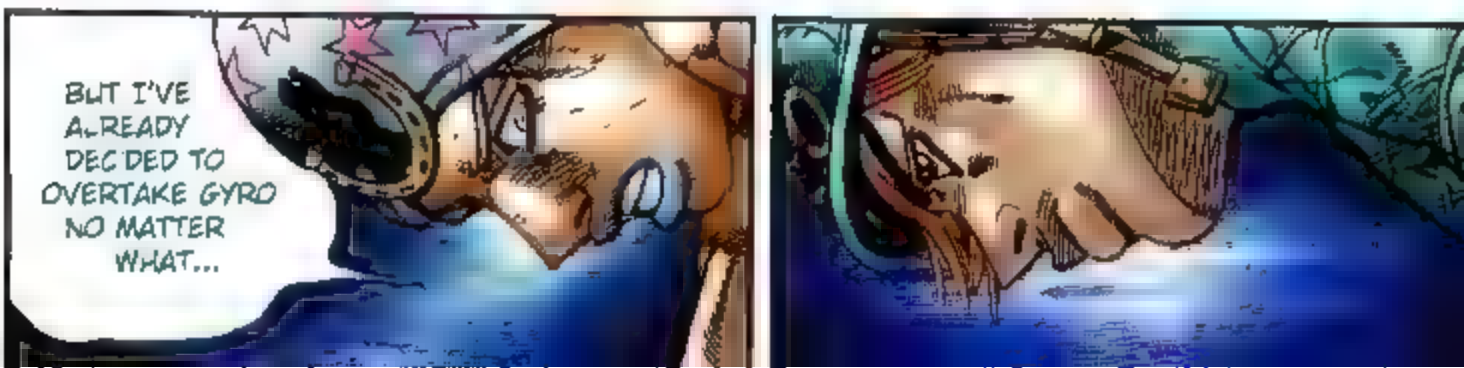
D. DID YOU NOTICE? SHOCKING INDEED!
H HANG ON! EVERYONE LOOK!
HE. HE'S MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH THE PACK!
PULLING AHEAD IN THE TAILING GROUP.

IT'S SIMPLY UNBELIEVABLE!
COMING FROM WAY BEHIND!!
THIS GUY IS...

AND HE'S JUST CAUGHT UP! HOW IN THE WORLD DID HE GAIN BACK ALL THAT GROUND THAT HE LOST? HE'S ALREADY PAID BACK ALL HIS LOANS!
PUSHED BEHIND EVERYONE BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE
DIEGO BRANDO IS HERE! DIO CAUGHT UP TO ME!
DIO!
HE'S USING THAT TECHNIQUE ...?!
THIS GUY...
HE CAME FORWARD USING THIS...
DIO IS CATCHING UP!
AGAIN, HE PASSES ON BY!
HE'S BREAKING THROUGH!

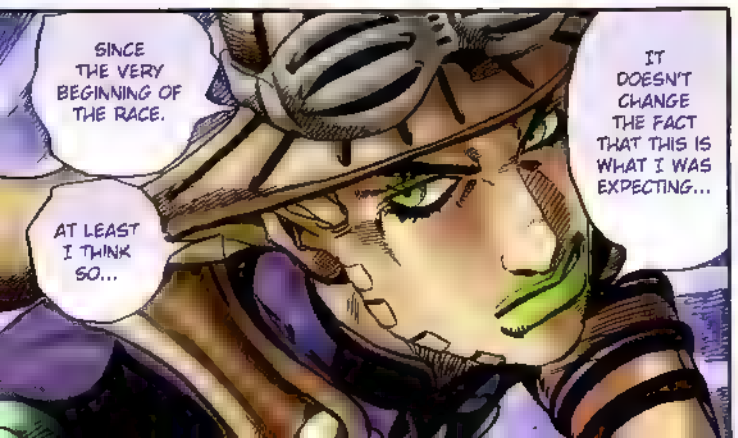
AVOIDING THE FATIGUE THAT'S CAUSED BY AIR PRESSURE... SO THAT'S HOW HE'S BEEN ABLE TO KEEP ON OVERTAKING ALL OF THE OTHER RIDERS OUT HERE...!!
RIDING THE LEADING HORSE WHERE THE WIND IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED ..
IT'S AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS MANEUVER THAT TAKES AMAZING SKILL TO USE!
AIR PRESSURE SHIELD!

IS HE GONNA USE MY HORSE AS A A SHIELD TOO?!


BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO OVERTAKE GYRO NO MATTER WHAT...

HM!

AND POCOLOCO HAS JUST CHALLENGED GYRO!


SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE RACE.
AT LEAST I THINK SO...
IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THIS IS WHAT I WAS EXPECTING...

GYRO
POCOLOCO
JOHNNY
DIEGO
THE TRAILING GROUP IS FINALLY ARRIVING!
OOH! THEY'RE SPEEDING UP!
THEY'RE NO LONGER HOLDING THEIR HORSES BACK!
FROM GYRO DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MOUNTAIN, THERE'S AN ENTIRE RIVER OF RIDERS ON THE MOVE!

THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE UNDER 1,000 METERS LEFT UNTIL THE GOAL!
GYRO IS TWISTING HIS BODY BACK WAY BACK TO LOOK BEHIND HIM!
IT'S LIKE HE'S MEASURING UP THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND THE REAR GROUP
IS HE ANXIOUS? OR DOES HE THINK HE CAN AFFORD TO DO THIS?
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THE FINAL STRETCH
1000 METERS LEFT

THE SHOUTS FROM THE CROWD AT THE GOAL ARE LIKE A GREAT TSUNAMI!
WHAT FURIOUS MOMENTUM!
GYRO
POCOLOCO
DIO
JOHNNY
WE CAN'T EVEN HEAR THE SOUND OF THE ARRIVING TRAIN!
CUTTING THROUGH THE MEXICAN WIND, 'SANTANA', THE FLOOD OF RIDERS DRIVE TOWARDS THE END GOAL!!
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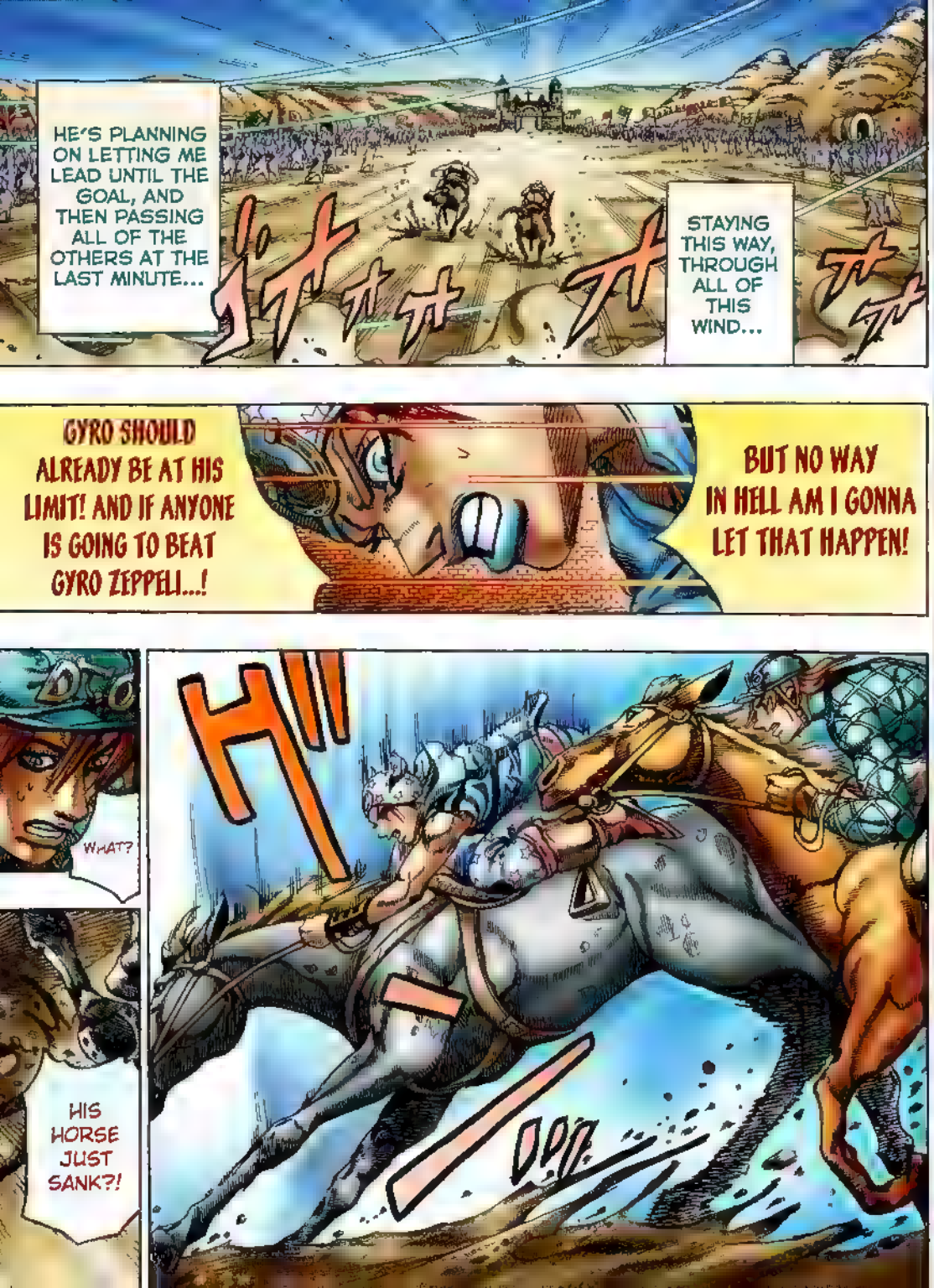
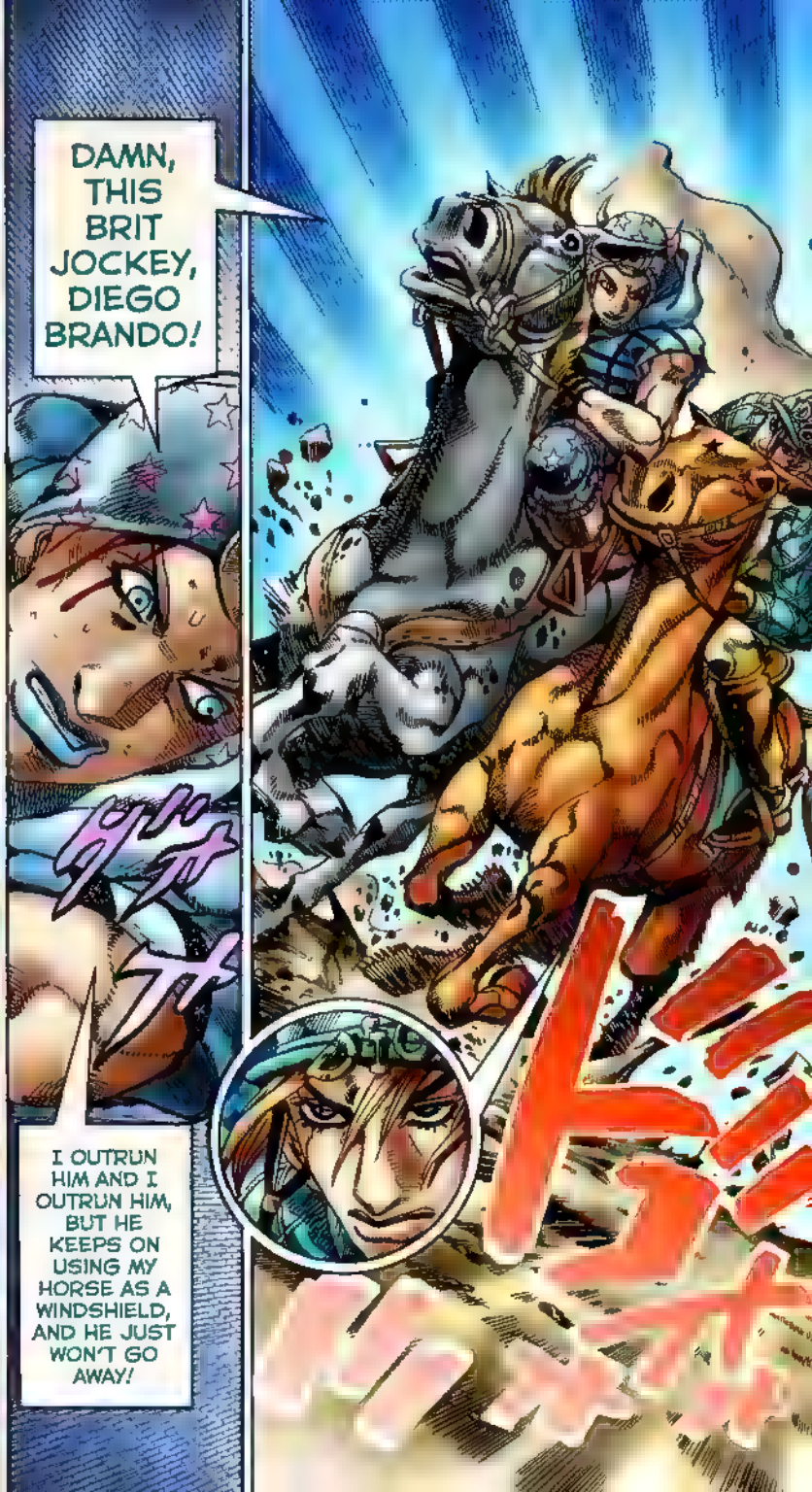

HE'S PLANNING ON LETTING ME LEAD UNTIL THE GOAL, AND THEN PASSING ALL OF THE OTHERS AT THE LAST MINUTE...
STAYING THIS WAY, THROUGH ALL OF THIS WIND...
GYRO SHOULD ALREADY BE AT HIS LIMIT! AND IF ANYONE IS GOING TO BEAT GYRO ZEPPELI...!
BUT NO WAY IN HELL AM I GONNA LET THAT HAPPEN!
WHAT?
HIS HORSE JUST SANK?!


DAMN, THIS BRIT JOCKEY, DIEGO BRANDO!
I OUTRUN HIM AND I OUTRUN HIM, BUT HE KEEPS ON USING MY HORSE AS A WINDSHIELD, AND HE JUST WON'T GO AWAY!

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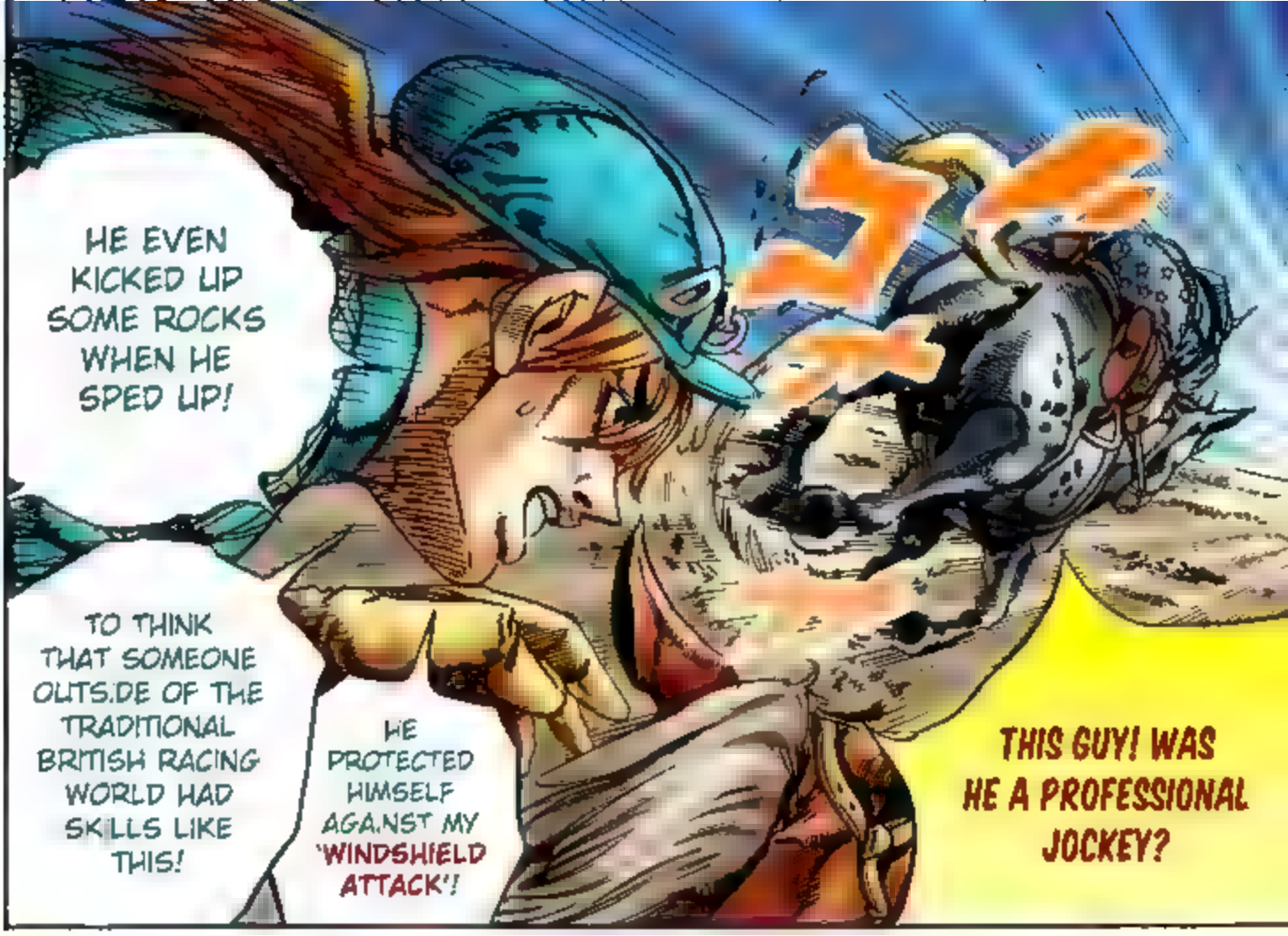
HE EVEN KICKED UP SOME ROCKS WHEN HE SPED UP!
TO THINK THAT SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL BRITISH RACING WORLD HAD SKILLS LIKE THIS!
HE PROTECTED HIMSELF AGAINST MY 'WINDSHIELD ATTACK'!
THIS GUY! WAS HE A PROFESSIONAL JOCKEY?

THEY'LL GET CAUGHT UP IN THE FALL!
OH NO! WE CAN NOW SEE A FEW HORSES COLLAPSING!
THERE ARE A FEW MORE HORSES THAT ARE LEANING! LOOK, THEY ARE LEANING!

ALL OF THE HORSES ARE EXHAUSTED!
THEY'VE ALL RUN FOR 14,000 METERS NON-STOP! THEIR LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION WAS AT MAX FOR THE FULL LENGTH OF THIS DEADLY BATTLE!
AND THEY'RE EXHAUSTED!

YOUR AIM MUST BE TO AVOID THAT KIND OF DANGER!

THE GOAL IS TO GAIN GROUND FROM HERE ON OUT!

THERE ARE A FEW HORSES OUT THERE THAT ARE JUST REFUSING TO RUN ANYMORE!
ALL OF THE HORSES ON THE FIELD ARE ALREADY AT THEIR LIMITS!

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!?
BUT WHY?!
GO AROUND TO THE LEFT OF HIM.
JUST GO TO THE LEFT ALREADY!
HEY, POCO-LOCO!
GO LEFT!
HUH ...?
THAT'S IT! WHAT'S STILL LEFT IN THE HORSE'S LEGS! THAT WILL BE THE KEY TO VICTORY!
'TECHNIQUE' IS GOING TO JUST BE USELESS...
'LEG POWER' IS ALL THAT'S LEFT.
HOW MUCH 'LEG POWER' WAS I ABLE TO SAVE GETTING HERE...?
LOOKS LIKE FROM HERE ON...

THAT'S RIGHT, POCOLOCO! SAY "YO! YO! YO!" JUST LIKE THAT!
BUT I'M A LUCKY GUY, RIGHT?! I'M PROMISED THAT, RIGHT?!
SO I CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT!
O... OKAY!
MY HORSE IS AT ITS LIMITS TOO!
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AND HERE'S SANDMAN COMING DOWN OFF THE CLIFFS AND HE REJOINS THE LEAD GROUP!
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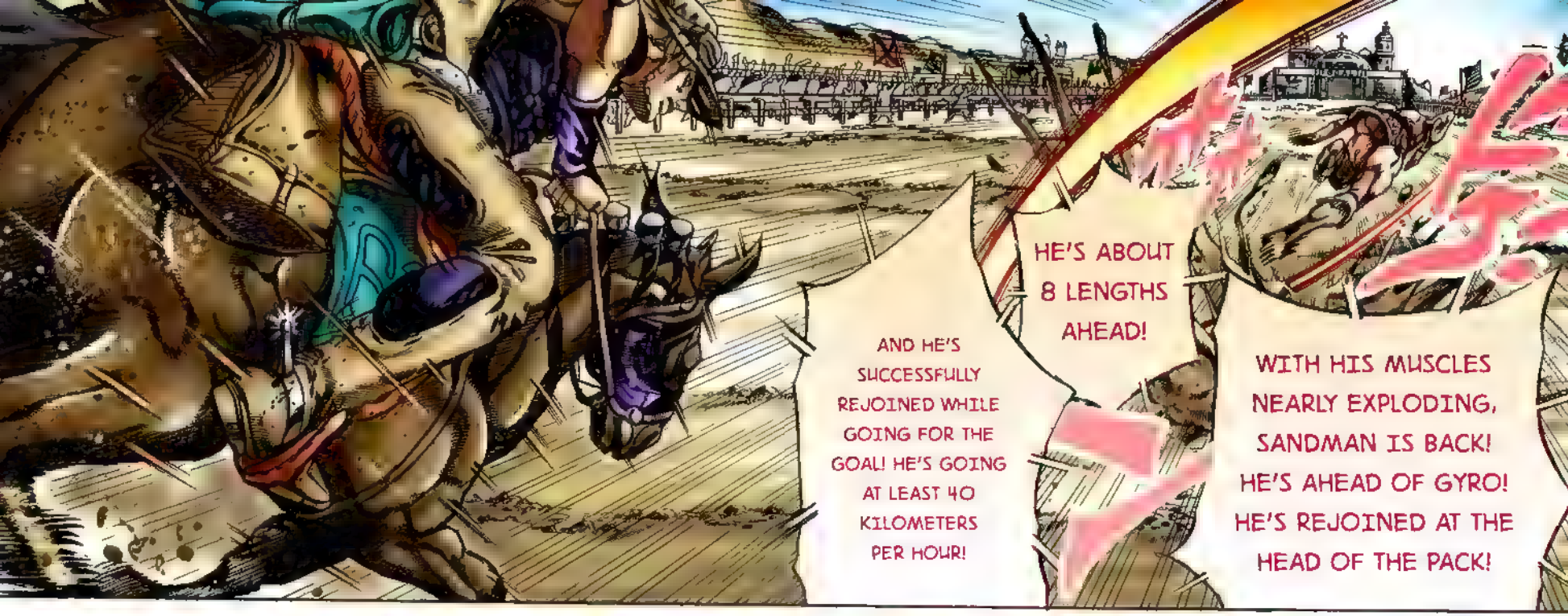
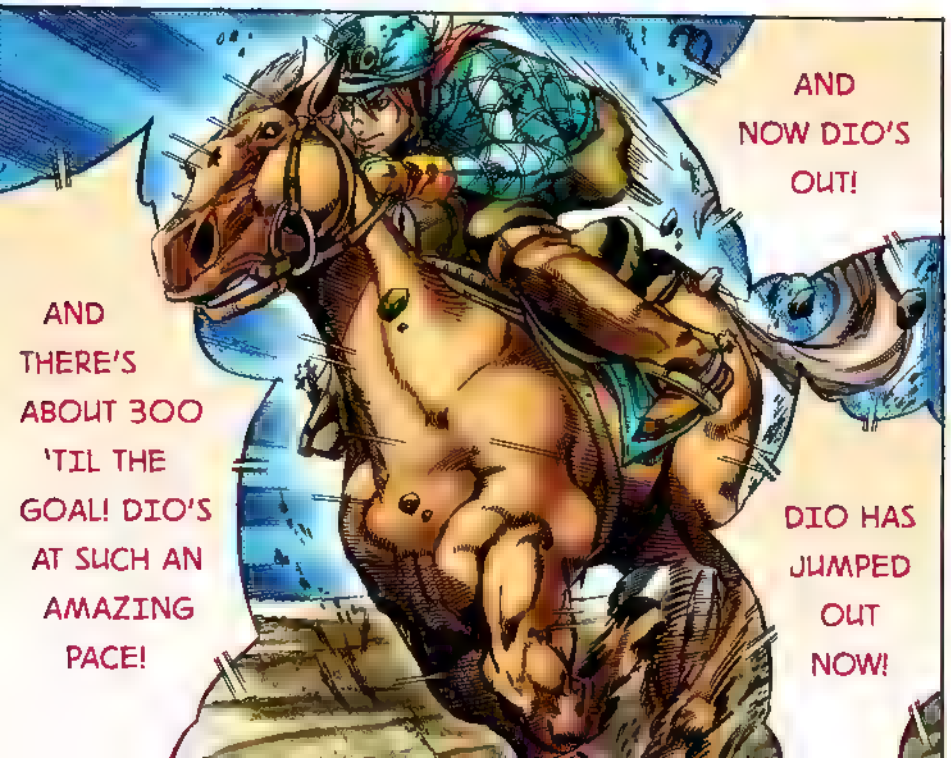
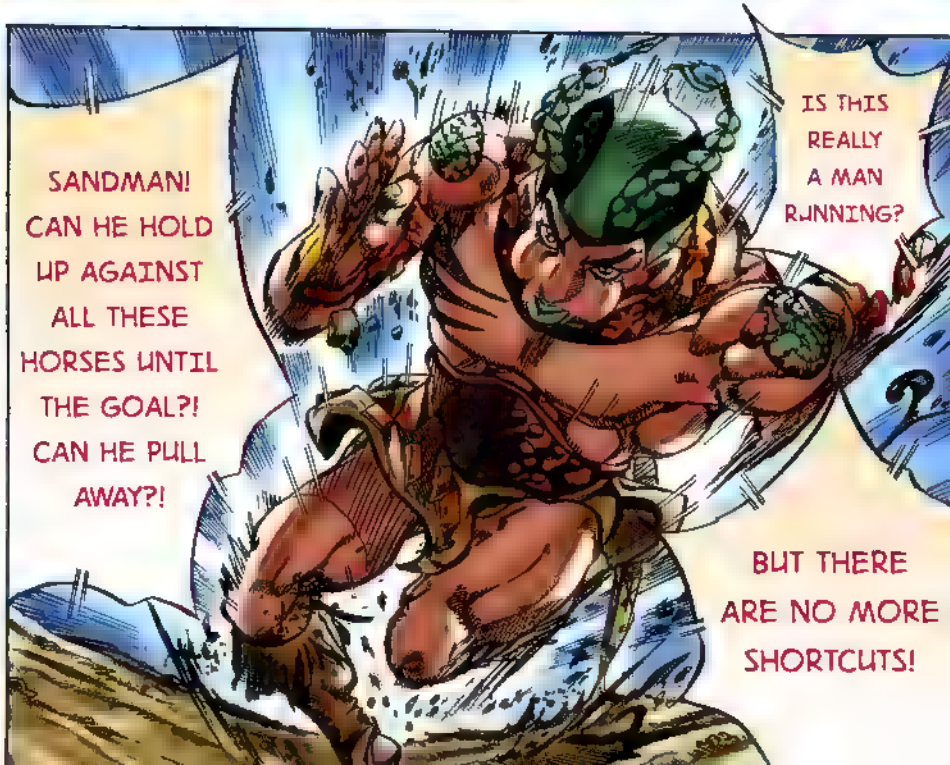
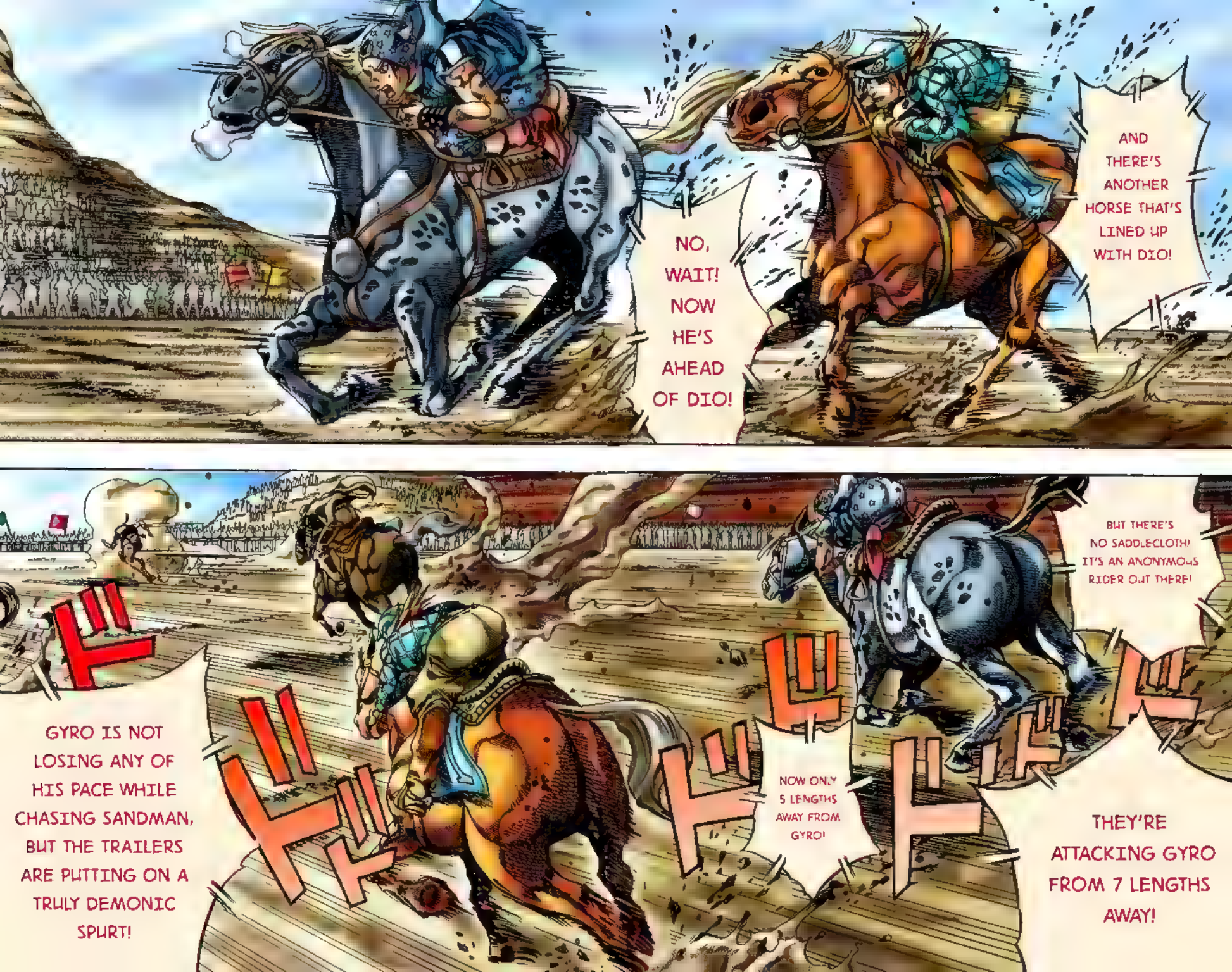

AND HE'S SUCCESSFULLY REJOINED WHILE GOING FOR THE GOAL! HE'S GOING AT LEAST 40 KILOMETERS PER HOUR!
HE'S ABOUT 8 LENGTHS AHEAD!
WITH HIS MUSCLES NEARLY EXPLODING, SANDMAN IS BACK! HE'S AHEAD OF GYRO! HE'S REJOINED AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK!


AND NOW DIO'S OUT!
AND THERE'S ABOUT 300 'TIL THE GOAL! DIO'S AT SUCH AN AMAZING PACE!
DIO HAS JUMPED OUT NOW!


SANDMAN! CAN HE HOLD UP AGAINST ALL THESE HORSES UNTIL THE GOAL?! CAN HE PULL AWAY?!
IS THIS REALLY A MAN RUNNING?
BUT THERE ARE NO MORE SHORTCUTS!


NO, WAIT! NOW HE'S AHEAD OF DIO!
AND THERE'S ANOTHER HORSE THAT'S LINED UP WITH DIO!
GYRO IS NOT LOSING ANY OF HIS PACE WHILE CHASING SANDMAN, BUT THE TRAILERS ARE PUTTING ON A TRULY DEMONIC SPURT!
NOW ONLY 5 LENGTHS AWAY FROM GYRO!
BUT THERE'S NO SADDLECLOTH! IT'S AN ANONYMOUS RIDER OUT THERE!
THEY'RE ATTACKING GYRO FROM 7 LENGTHS AWAY!

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AND POCOLOCO IS TRYING TO PASS GYRO FROM THE LEFT!
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I'VE NO HOMELAND TO RETURN BACK TO...
BUT SIS, I... I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO WIN THIS RACE!
...FOR THE SPIRITS OF THE EARTH... AND FOR THE SPIRITS OF MY FATHER AND ANCESTORS...
PLEASE GIVE ME STRENGTH AND YOUR COURAGE!
THEY ARE ALL LINED UP!
AND THE FOUR HORSEMEN ARE ALL LINED UP ON SANDMAN'S TAIL!
THEY'RE ALL LINED UP!
THEY ARE ALL LINED UP!
ALL LINED UP!

THERE'S ONLY 100 METERS LEFT!
WAIT! GYRO'S SLIGHTLY AHEAD!
GOAL
ALL HORSE ARE LINED UP SIDE BY SIDE AT THE NOSE!
AND NOW DIO'S COMING OUT!
AND SANDMAN SPEEDS UP ONCE AGAIN!
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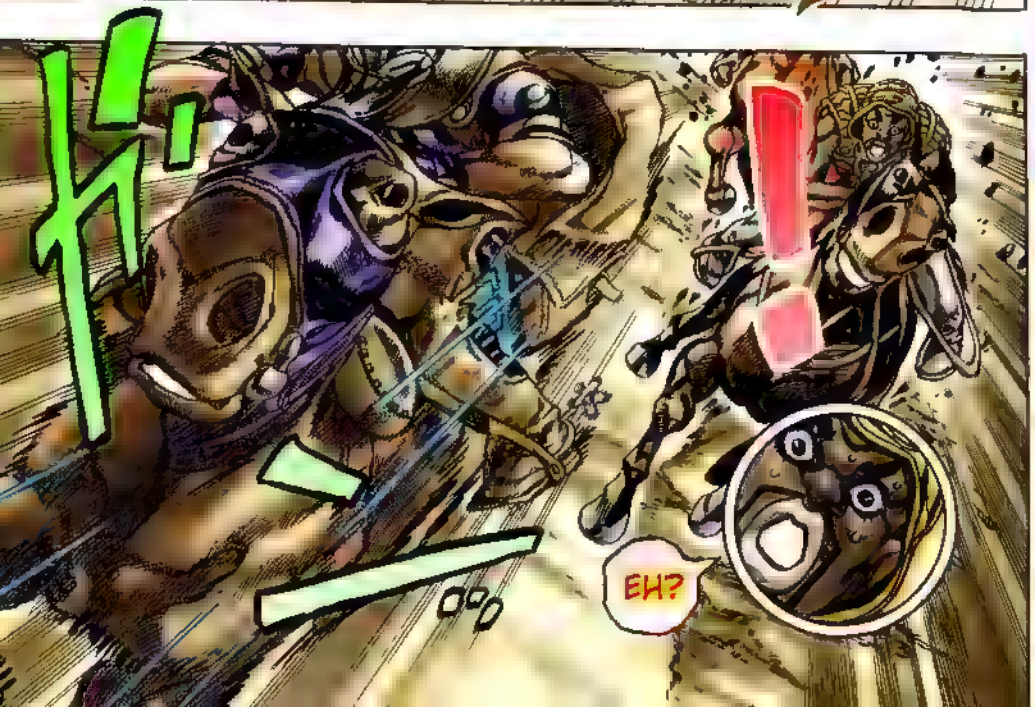
POCOLOCO HAS JUST SLIPPED A-
.HUH?!
HE SLIPPED OUT!
AND NOW HE'S UP AHEAD!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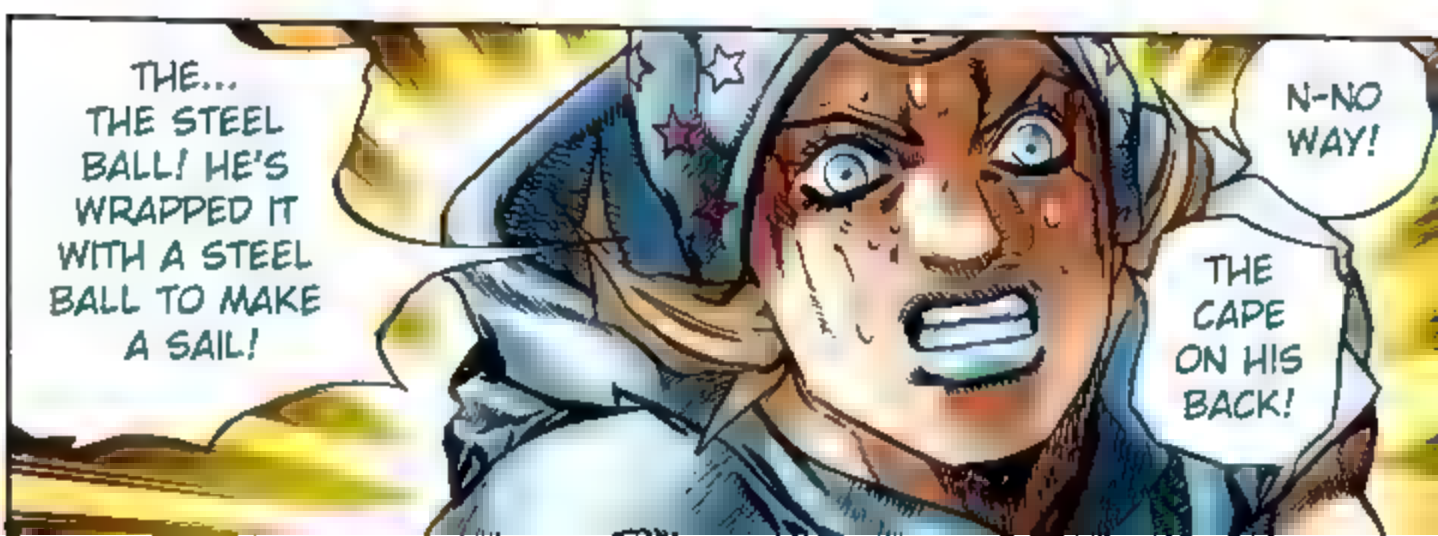
WHAT'S THIS...? POCOLOCO JUMPED!
HE RAN ON THE DEAD TREE, USING IT LIKE A SPRINGBOARD FOR HIS HORSE!
IT'S A DEAD TREE!

NO, WAIT! THAT'S WRONG!
POCOLOCO ISN'T THE ONE THAT SLIPPED AHEAD!
IT'S NOT POCOLOCO!
GAH!
I WON BACK AT THE DOWNHILL, SO WHY'S HE OUT IN FRONT?
THIS JUST CAN'T BE! HE SHOULD HAVE NO LEG POWER LEFT AT ALL!
WHAT IN THE HELL IS UP WITH THIS GUY?
HE WAS FLOGGING IT WAY TOO MUCH ON THE STRAIGHT AWAY BACK THERE TOO!
HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUSH THROUGH!

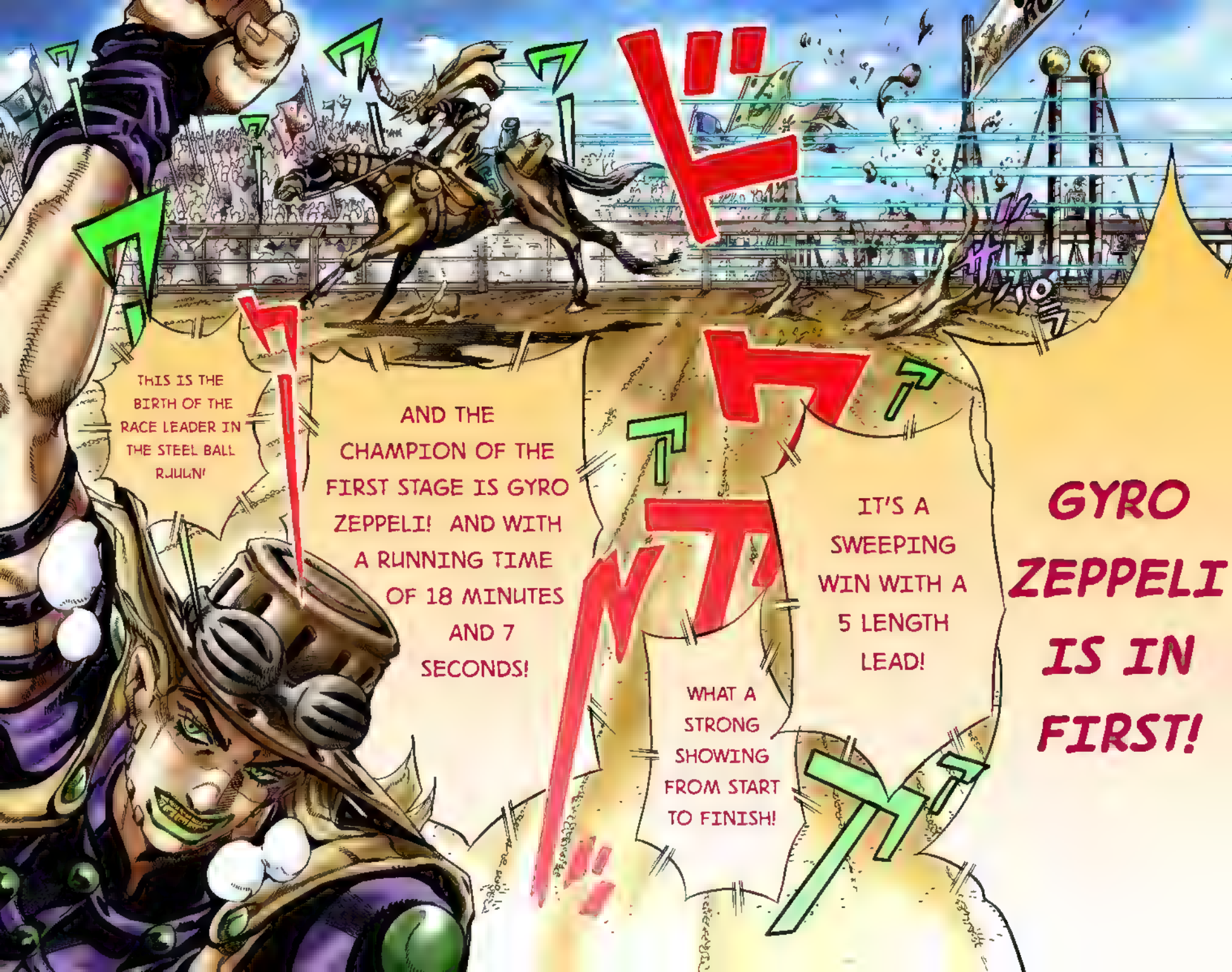
BY THE WAY, KID ...
EVER RIDE ON A SHIP? I'VE BEEN ON ONE BEFORE.
DID YOU KNOW,
THE MORE HEADWINDS THAT A SAILING VESSEL GETS ON ITS SAILS...
THE FASTER IT WILL GO.
AND THIS HEAD WIND!
THE HEAD WIND FROM MEXICO ...
JOHNNY JOESTAR.
I'M AMAZED ...
YOU DID WELL CATCHING UP WITH ME.
!?
RIGHT FROM THE VERY START!
WAS THERE TO HELP MY HORSE...

WHO'S THIS MAN? TO THINK A JOCKEY LIKE HIM EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!
WHAT'S THIS GUY TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT THE HELL'S HE RAMBLING ABOUT?

GOAL
STEEL BALL RUN RACE
30 LEFT!
HERE HE COMES! YES, HE'S COMING!
HE'S PULLING AWAY AND HOLDING THEM BACK AS HE PUSHES THROUGH!
50 METERS TO THE GOAL NOW!


THE... THE STEEL BALL! HE'S WRAPPED IT WITH A STEEL BALL TO MAKE A SAIL!
N-NO WAY!
THE CAPE ON HIS BACK!

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE WIND... THE HEAD WIND FROM MEXICO...
LIKE IT'S SAILING A VESSEL ...
AND HE'S PASSING RIGHT THROUGH! HE'S PASSING RIGHT THROUGH! HE'S CLOSED IN ON THE GOAL!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EXTRA STORY:
THE DETAILS BEHIND THE OPENING OF THE STEEL BALL RUN RACE

THE STORY OF STEPHEN STEEL (51), THE PROMOTER OF THIS RACE IS AS FOLLOWS
STEPHEN WAS BORN IN NEW YORK IN 1840, THE FOURTH CHILD OUT OF SEVEN, TO AN IRISH IMMIGRANT FAMILY. HIS FATHER WAS A POOR BLACKSMITH.
WHEN STEPHEN WAS 15 HE FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF A FLORIST AND THE TWO VOWED TO BE TOGETHER

BUT HIS LOVE WAS SUDDENLY TAKEN FROM HIM, IN A CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.

AT THE AGE OF 16, HE WAS ALREADY 190CM TALL. ON HORSEBACK, HE LOOKED ALMOST LIKE A COMMANDER.

FALLING INTO A DEEP STATE OF DESPAIR, STEPHEN PROMISED HIMSELF THAT HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN FALL IN LOVE, THUS, HE JOINED THE CAVALRY.

1865(AGE 25): Stephen becomes a heavyweight boxer.

1866(AGE 26): Stephen becomes a debt collector

1867(AGE 27): Stephen ignores a pre-rigged game and beats his opponent senseless. Stephen is targeted by the gang and is shot in the right knee

1868(AGE 28): Stephen disappears. One theory is that he became a sailor and escaped overseas.

AND WAS THEREFORE PLACED IN A DESERTED ISLAND HOSPITAL FOR TWO YEARS.

HOWEVER, HE WAS NEVER SENT TO WAR NOR DID HE GO ON EXPEDITIONS. HE GOT *TYPHOID FEVER* FROM THE RATIONS-

THERE IS AN INTERESTING 35-YEAR-LONG CORRELATION BETWEEN STEPHEN STEEL'S LIFE AND THE STEEL BALL RACE. ALLOW YOURSELF A MOMENT TO LOOK AT THIS TIME LINE.

1858(AGE 18): Stephen is let out of the hospital but quits the cavalry in low spirits. stephen's special ***talent*** is to be able to swallow goldfish and make them come out of his nose. He does this in his part-time job in the circus. dressed as an asian he becomes a hit

1859(AGE 19): Stephen becomes the star of the circus.

1860(AGE 20): Stephen goes on a tour across america with the circus

1861(AGE 21): Stephen introduces ***the midget women wrestling***, ***the bug-eyed man*** and ***pigs on a tightrope*** into the circus once again it's a hit

1863(AGE 23): Stephen gets into a large-scale fight with the circus and is fired on the grounds that he's gotten too big of a head, and has been ordering the others around as if he was the headmaster

1881(AGE 41): Stephen is seen again in San Francisco He reports to E&W newspapers that he is going to Costa Rica to look for dinosaurs and immediately the papers with the article about stephen start to sell

1883(AGE 43): Stephen dubs himself a promoter ***Capturing the Yeti in the Rocky Mountains***, ***looking for the 3-legged cavefish***, ***in search of the 20-meter long penguin***, ***the newlyweds in a haunted mansion***. ***a documentary*** All of these become hits.

1886(AGE 46): Stephen buys himself a mansion in San Jose and hires 8 servants. Stephen's hobbies included collecting art pieces, buying works from artist such as the french painter Monet Stephen applies for university, but is denied.

THOUGH STEPHEN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS SCANDAL. HE WAS ALSO DUBBED A FRAUD.

THE TIDES TURNED AGAINST H.M, AND HE WAS TREATED LIKE A PETTY SCAMMER.

BUT ONE DAY, SOMEONE TRIED TO SELL A STORY ABOUT *ALIENS*, WHEN IN REALITY IT WAS JUST A SHAVED MONKEY.

AND THIS WAS WHEN IT CAME TO HIM. THAT'S RIGHT! WHEN HE WAS *STILL YOUNG*... THE ONE THING HE WASN'T ABLE TO DO IN THE *CAVALRY*...

A LONG-DISTANCE HORSE RIDE!

I SHOULD ORGANIZE A LONG-DISTANCE RACE!

FORCED TO SELL HIS MANSION AND BURIED IN DEBT, STEPHEN WAS HURLED INTO DARKNESS AGAIN...

NO ONE WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO HIM.

I WAS NOT LIKE THAT

MY STORIES WERE ABOUT FANTASY!

NOT HAVING EATEN AND SEVERELY DRUNK, HE SAT BY THE EDGE OF THE STREET...

ALTHOUGH HE SEARCHED FOR SPONSORS EVERYDAY, ALL THEY DID WAS SCOFF AT HIM.

BUT HIS RELIABILITY FACTOR WAS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW.

WHAT IDIOT WOULD SPONSOR A STUPID PROPOSAL LIKE THAT?!

GO AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!

WA HA HA HA HA !!!

AFTER THAT, HE RETURNED TO THE BAR, GOT INTO A FIGHT AND SLEPT BEHIND THE URINALS.

AND THE WINNINGS SHOULD BE HUUUUUGE! LIKE, 50 MILLION DOLLARS!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAN A RACE, IT SHOULD BE ACROSS THE ENTIRE AMERICAN CONTINENT!

REAL DREAMS SHOULD BE THAT BIG!

A LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS LISTENING TO HIS MUMBLING WAS TALKING TO HIM..

THERE WERE SEVERAL MEN SURROUNDING HIM, IN A GROUP.

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN HE WOKE UP,

THE ONE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IN THE BAR LAST NIGHT.

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY...

CAN YOU REALLY DO IT? ORGANIZE A ***CROSS-CONTINENTAL RACE...!***

WH... WHAT IS IT?

UH...

YOU WANNA FIGHT? LET'S GO, THEN!

AND WE KNOW THAT THE AGE OF SPORTS IS COMING... WE'RE WILLING TO SPONSOR YOUR CAUSE.

WE'RE FROM E&W PAPERS...

THE STORY HAD SPREAD AND HAD GRADUALLY GOTTEN BIGGER AND BIGGER. THE NUMBER OF SPONSORS INFLATED TO 20, INCLUDING LARGE COMPANIES, AND THE PRIZE MONEY WAS, IN FACT, 50 MILLION DOLLARS. THE RACE WAS TO BEGIN IN TWO YEARS.

WHAT ...?

THAT GIRL I MET IN THE STREET... SHE WAS THE ONE THAT GAVE ME MY *CHANCE*...

THAT'S RIGHT...! I SHOULD GO THANK HER...

AND TWO YEARS LATER...

HE REMEMBERED.

AND SHE WAS... IDENTICAL TO HIS FIRST LOVE, BACK WHEN WAS STILL A YOUNG MAN.

AND WHEN HE MET HER AGAIN, SHE WAS GROWN UP.

THAT'S HOW IT SEEMED TO STEPHEN.

THOUGH HE WANTED TO STOP THEM, THE KEPT ON FALLING... HE HADN'T CRIED IN 34 YEARS...

SUDDENLY, THE TEARS BEGAN TO FALL.

BUT I WANT YOU TO LET ME MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER... I'M WILLING TO WAIT. I'M WILLING TO LIVE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER MY WHOLE LIFE.

THIS MIGHT SOUND INSANE,

AND STEPHEN TOLD HER FATHER, WHO WAS THERE ALONGSIDE HER,

AND THIS WAS HOW IT CAME TO BE.

STEPHEN STEEL'S FANTASY...

Extra story:
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